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#### **States**

Branch Davidians: A 1968 Chevrolet Camaro once owned by former Branch Davidian leader David Koresh is expected to fetch up to \$60,000 at auction this weekend in Texas

The black two-door Camaro was parked at the Davidian compound near Waco during a 51-day siege by federal agents in 1993 that ended with Koresh and nearly 80 followers dving. Auctioneer Daniel Kruse said he hopes a museum or individual who appreciates the car's historical significance buys it.

R.I. nightclub fire: Lawyers for those charged in connection with a nightclub fire that killed 100 people were given on Friday boxes of evidence the state has compiled as it prepares to prosecute their clients

The evidence exchange is part of an ongoing sharing of materials in the criminal case against nightclub owners Jeffrey and Michael Derdieran and Daniel Biechele, the former tour manager of the band that was playing at The Station the night of the blaze.

Lawvers for the Derderians. Biechele and the state appeared in Superior Court Friday to receive the evidence, and discuss testing the state wants to perform on materials seized from the club.

nesis space data: The first solar-wind samples recovered from the crashed Genesis space capsule have been sent to researchers in California

Three years after it was launched, Genesis returned to Earth on Sept. 8, but it crashed into the western Utah desert when

its parachutes failed to deploy.

NASA scientists at Michael Army Air Field at Dugway Proving Ground have been extracting samples plates from the smashed capsule, hoping to recover enough material for substantive study

Rowland aide indictment: A one-time top aide to former Connecticut Gov. John G Rowland and a major state construction contractor were indicted on charges they ran a criminal organization from the governor's office, trading contracts for gold coins, expensive meals and limousine trips

Former co-chief of staff Peter N. Ellef and contractor William Tomasso were due in federal court Friday. The 15-count indict-ment handed down Thursday accuses them of conspiring to steer state contracts from 1997 to 2003. The racketeering and several other charges each carry up to 20 years in prison.

Tomasso is accused of giving Ellef more than \$1 million worth of gold, cash, trips, meals and vacations. In return, Ellef allegedly helped steer tens of millions of dollars in contracts to Tomasso and his companies

Hacking murder case: The Utah man accused of killing his wife

while she slept and dumping her body in

the trash waived a pre-

liminary hearing Thurs-

day, clearing the way

with a murder trial.



Hacking

for his murder trial. By giving up the hearing, Mark Hacking essentially is acknowledging that the state has enough evidence against him to proceed

"Yes, your honor," Hacking told Judge William Barrett when asked if he understood what it meant to waive the hearing.

Those were the only three words Hacking said during the short hearing, attended by most of his family members and his wife's father

There have been no plea negotiations, prosecutor Robert Stott said



Illinois Statehouse shooting: Springfield Police Sgt. Steve Swetland questions a handcuffed Derek W. Potts on Monday, about 40 minutes after the killing of a guard at the Illinois state Capitol in Springfield. Potts was stopped in the parking lot of a restaurant and was released, only to be captured and arrested 17 hours later and charged with the murder of William Wozniak at the state Capitol. Department heads said the officers did not know Potts was wanted in the Capitol shooting, and he apparently did not have the shotgun used in the killing or the silver, two-door foreign car linked to the shooter.

#### World

Canada-U.S. defense partnership: Cana-da's possible entry into the U.S. missile-defense program still hinges on talks with the United States, Defense Minister Bill Gra-

ham said Thursday.

But he offered an indication of which way Canada is leaning by defending the project and taking a swipe at suggestions it would lead to weapons in space.

"It's an important program in the context of Canada-U.S. relations," he said. "I'm continuing these negotiations with that attitude we're partners for the defense of North America and I think we must remain part-

The United States is developing a shield against ballistic missiles to guard against potential threats from countries like North Korea. U.S. officials want allies like Britain, Canada, Japan and Australia involved in the

Turkey EU membership: The speaker of Turkey's parliament on Friday called an emergency session to pass legal reforms meant to help the country's chances of starting membership talks with the European

The decision for the session, set for Sun-day, was made a day after Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan pledged in Brussels, Belgium, that parliament would pass the key reform package. The proposals were withdrawn last week after lawmakers in his party insisted on including a law criminalizing adultery.

North Korea missiles: North Korea's move to boost troop numbers around missile sites is probably a military exercise rather than preparation for a launch, a top Japanese official said Friday.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirovuki Hosoda also said Japan-North Korea talks scheduled for Saturday in Beijing would go ahead as planned

"There are many things needed to launch a missile, but so far we judge that the situa-tion there now is not of that sort," Hosoda told reporters. "We think this was something more like an exercise."

Janan convened an emergency meeting on Thursday after saying it had information suggesting North Korea might be preparing to test fire a short-range missile

Mideast conflict: Palestinian militants fired two mortars at a Jewish settlement in the Gaza Strip on Friday, killing a 24-year Israeli-American woman and enflaming settler anger at Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

The death in the southern Gaza settlement of Neve Dekalim was likely to further mobilize opposition to Sharon's plan to withdraw from Gaza in 2005.

The Islamic militant group Hamas claimed responsibility. In response to the mortar fire, Israeli tanks opened fire on the nearby Palestinian town of Khan Younis. the army said. Palestinian witnesses said two Palestinians, a 42-year-old man and a 4-year-old boy, were wounded.

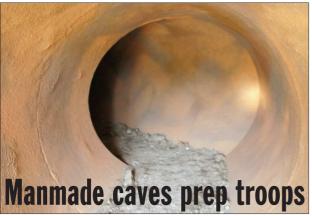
Catholic church exodus: Austrians disgusted by the discovery of a large cache of child pornography at a seminary and allegations that a prominent priest molested youths are leaving the Roman Catholic church in significant numbers, church leaders said Friday

Applications to withdraw from parishes in the Archdiocese of Vienna were up 36 percent in July and shot up another 40 percent in August, the daily Die Presse reported, citing figures from Vienna City Hall. The Vienna archdiocese said 10,709 people had left as of Aug. 31. Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn. Austria's ton churchman, said he couldn't blame people for wanting out after a summer of scandal triggered by the discovery of up to 40,000 lurid images — including child pornography — on computers at a seminary in the diocese of St. Poelten.

Russian school siege: Chechen rebel leader Aslan Maskhadov purportedly de-nied his involvement in the Russian school hostage-taking in a statement released Friday and said another rebel chief. Shamil Basayev, should stand trial for staging it

In a statement posted on a rebel Web site, Maskhadov, who was elected president of Chechnya in 1997 after it won de-facto inde-pendence in the first 1994-96 war, said he couldn't immediately bring Basayey to justice because of war but pledged to do it once the hostilities end.

Stories and photos from wire services



PHOTOS BY RICK EMERT/Stars and Stripes

The opening of the Schwend cave gives the most natural light. The cave is one of four manmade caves at the Combat Maneuver Training Center in Hohenfels, Germany. The caves are up to 1,000 feet long and offer many twists and turns for soldiers to practice their skills.

## Special setup at Hohenfels helps soldiers train for deployments to mountainous regions

BY RICK EMERT

Stars and Stripes

HOHENFELS, Germany — Nature takes thousands, even millions, of years to form caves. At the Army's Combat Maneuver Training Center in Hohenfels recently, it took just four months.

The center's staff constructed four caves up to 100 feet long. Planning began in June, and construction on all four caves was complete by Sept. 15.

The center continuously works to improve its training facilities. That includes its urban warfare training villages, where soldier and civilian role-players from the 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment at Hohenfels buy furniture and other items at garage sales and flea markets to add to the authenticity, sad Lt Col. Darin Blancett, deputy operations officer for CMTC Command Group.

While the urban training sites replicate villages in theaters such as Afghanistan, operating in an urban environment is not the only concern.

"USAREUR has been deployed to locations like [Afghanistan], and [U.S. Army Europe commander] Gen. [B.B.] Bell directed that we replicate these environments — not specifically for Operation Enduring Freedom, but for any location where soldiers may need cave-clearing skills," Blancett exid.

Although the center based its caves somewhat on the model of mammade caves at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif., the caves in Hohenfels are much more elaborate. The design had to be tweaked to match the terrain and climate of Hohenfels.

At a cost of \$541,000, the caves were made with pieces of 5-inch-thick concrete sewage pipe that range in diameter from about 5 feet to 6 feet, accord-



neuver Training Center's Schwen cave sits in a former rock quarry in the massive training area in Hohenfels, Metal gates on the entrance keep wildlife out of the caves. To the left of the entrance in the background is one of many escape hatches for soldiers to leave the caves in case

of an emergency.

ing to Knut Ogaard, master planner for the center who came up with the original design of the caves.

The insides of the caves were painted in earth tones with a stucco effect that creates a texture similar to natural cave walls, Blancett said.

Numerous escape hatches with manhole covers were built into the caves to provide easy exit access for soldiers in case of an emergency, Ogaard said.

The caves twist and turn with several openings inside the caves that lead to dead ends.

"We put in dividers, because natural caves are not a straight shot; you have to maneuver around in them," Ogaard said. "The dividers help with the training because someone could be hiding behind one of them."

Opposing forces will likely be hiding in the caves and stockpiling weapons that units must find as part of the cave-clearing training, Blancett said.

A company from the 173rd Airborne used the caves for training on Monday, said Sgt. 1st Class Eric Volk, an observer-controller from the training area. "They can use any means available to provide light in the cave," Volk said. "Some will use flashlights, others use [night-vision goggles]. They may want to limit the number of flashlights they use in case an enemy is waiting for them inside the cave."

Volk added that observing the train-

than observing their training in the buildings and on the streets of the mock villages.

"One observer will already be in the cave, and another follows the soldiers in to observe how they enter the cave," Volk said.

For units such as the 173rd Airborne Brigade, which deploys to Afghanistan next spring, the manmade caves in the training area could save lives.

"It is better that they practice clearing a cave here under these conditions than encounter it for the first time downrange." Blancett said.

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## Rumsfeld: Time line for BRAC must stay in place

BY SANDRA JONTZ Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The two Pentagon plans of repositioning overseas troops to U.S. bases and the next round of likely base closures go hand-in-hand and must stay on the current time line in order for either to work, Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Thursday during a congressional hearing. When asked by Sen. John Warner, R-Va. chair-

man of the Armed Services Committee, whether he'd support a delay, Rumsfeld said: "It would be most unfortunate for any delay in BRAC, which would delay forces being returned to the United States," Rumsfeld said of the Base Realignment and Closure process.

Warner concurred, saying during his opening remarks that it is "imperative that we stay on that same timetable."

Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry has said he would delay the base closure process if elected

"Tve called for is to stop the BRAC [Base Realignment And Closure] process temporarily. I wanna make certain that we are re-evaluating precisely what America's military needs are in this new structure," Kerry told Stripes on Aug. 6.

Last month, President Bush announced a broad plan to shift, over the next 10 years, some 70,000 troops and 100,000 family members and civilian employees from overseas to stateside installations. With that repositioning, the military intends to shut down 200, or some 35 percent, of its overseas installations and facilities, from major bases to a plot of land with a radio antenna on it, Rumsfeld

The senators were given detailed plans of the Pentagon's three-year plan, listing several options of troop movements, plans that contained exact numbers of troops to be returned and where Pentagon officials would like to place them. The plans are classified.

Returning troops will need a place to go, Rumsfeld said, stressing the importance of keeping the BRAC process on schedule so that it does not delay the posturing plans.

Instead of maintaining Cold War-era bases in Western European countries, the military wants to shift to "warm bases," for example, in cooperative Middle East countries — erecting bare-bones facilities to where troops can deploy to fight contingences and then leave when no longer needed, he said. More rudimentary facilities can be built in African countries, which also can be used for train-

"Why would we not be worried that we have 12,500 fewer troops on the ground?"

That's because numbers doesn't equal capability, said LaPorte, who testified at the hearing with fellow combatant commanders Gen. James Jones from European Command, and Adm. Thomas Fargo, Pacific Command, Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, also testified.

Not only has the United States boosted its capabilities to defend the peninsula through high-tech equipment, but also some tend to underestimate the effectiveness of the South Korean army, he said

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## Son Tay raid a 'model of teamwork'

BY CHARLIE COON Stars and Stripe:

STUTTGART, Germany - One of the heralded events in special operations history was the Son Tay raid of 1970.

In it, a team of 56 soldiers flew by helicopter into a North Vietnamese camp where Americans were suspected of being held prisoner. The raiders killed hundreds of the enemy and got away unscathed.

And while no prisoners were saved — they'd been relocated to a different camp a few months earlier - the mission has served as a model of teamwork and preparation, a group of soldiers was told Wednesday by one of the original raiders, Command Sgt. Maj. Patrick St. Clair of the West Virginia Army National Guard.

The 1970 raid, followed by the botched attempt in 1980 to rescue U.S. hostages in Iran when eight soldiers died, also helped to spur the next president, Ronald Re-agan, to re-establish a strong special operations element in the United States after special ops had been downsized following Vietnam

"I think [Reagan] understood we'd need a full complement of everything, including the [Army] Delta Force and a special opera tions command," said St. Clair, of Special Operations Detachment E, Special Operations Command Eu-

rope. Back in 1970, he was simply Sgt. St. Clair, a young Green Beret who'd never been to Vietnam. St. Clair was among 100 who were handpicked by the legendary Col. Arthur D. "Bull" Simons.

"All we knew is that we were locked down and training for a mis-"St. Clair said. "That's all we needed to know at the time

President Nixon had been unhappy with the way American prisoners of war were being treated, St. Clair said, adding, "We knew the average POW weight loss was 64

The suspected prison camp at Son Tay, located 23 miles west of the North Vietnamese capital of Hanoi, was chosen for the raid be-

cause it was accessible. St. Clair's job after his chopper crash-landed inside the compound was to take out a guard tower that overlooked a building his team was going to storm.

The team then blew a hole in the

"That's how we were going to get the POWs out," St. Clair said. After discovering there were no POWs, but not before laying waste to the enemy, including a building full of Caucasians, the raiders piled into helicopters and made their getaway as the enemy fired from below.

You could hear the fragments of the [surface-to-air missiles] com-ing through the bird," St. Clair

The lessons learned from Son Tay, and from the failed Iran mission, established a blueprint for fu ture special operations, St. Clair

Rehearsals, smart people making the plans, adequate resources to do the job, thinking outside the box, taking into account the weather and having good lines of communication between the participants. After his 90-minute presenta

tion, which lasted more than twice as long as the raid itself. St. Clair at Patch Theater.

How come Simons never made general, asked one soldier "Probably too straightforward



Command Sgt. Maj. Patrick St. Clair, lower right, was just a sergeant in 1970 when he and other soldiers embarked on this helicopter to

and successful " St. Clair respond-

conduct the Son Tay raid in North Vietnam.

Who were the Caucasians that the raiders took out, another wanted to know. Maybe Russians or maybe Mongolians, St. Clair re-

"One of the biggest things in the military is to keep learning from past experiences, both positive and negative," said Lt. Col. Don Randle of SOCEUR, one of the soldiers in the audience. "Don't keep reinventing the wheel."

The U.S. men's basketball

team's third-place finish at this year's Olympics, Randle said, was an example of superior talent not excelling because they were not "orchestrated."

"I've been mentored by a lot of Vietnam veterans in my career," Randle said. "When you're getting ready for a mission, you better be rehearsing or eating or sleeping. This is what prepares us, knowing what the guy on our left and right is doing

Capt. Mike Lass of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and SOCEUR said it was an honor to meet one of the original raiders.

"It's one thing to read about the action and study the after-action reviews," Lass said. "It adds a whole new aspect to hear a first-hand ac-

"This brings the lesson home.

### Bazaar to be haunting Aviano soon

Stars and Stripes

AVIANO AIR BASE Italy -It's a few weeks early for Halloween, but there still might be a few witches on base next weekend

But don't worry. They're not the evil kind. The annual Bella Befana ("Good Witch") Bazaar will be Oct. 1-3.

In addition to the more than 120 vendors from at least nine countries selling their wares, this year's version will boast a few extras. Customers will be able to use credit cards for the first time, gift-wrapping servic-es will be available and representatives from the base post office will have an area set up where gifts can be mailed to

Angie Newland, chairwoman for the event, says the bazaar is traditionally popular for those trying to find gifts for Christmas. And it will have some of the same artists who attend every year and new ones.

Live entertainment is scheduled and a dozen organizations from the base will be selling a variety of ethnic foods. The event will be spread out among the large hangars along the flight line near the main gate. Hours are noon to 8 p.m. Fri-day, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Newland said money raised from the event will go to scholarships for high school and continuing-education students and other projects.

#### Kaiserslautern High School student found dead

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany - A Kaiserslautern High School student was found dead in her home Thursday evening. The student was identified as Alicia Dykes, a senior at the school, according to Daniel J. Mendoza, high school principal. Her age was

unavailable At this point, the Army's Criminal Investigation Command does

not suspect foul play, according to Maj. Mark Wright, public affairs officer for the 21st Theater Support Command. An autonsy is being performed to determine the cause of death

#### USO tips its hat to military personnel

MAINZ-KASTEL, Germany - USO Europe's annual tip of the hat to 10 outstanding junior enlisted military personnel from the United States and Germany will take place Saturday night at the Wiesbaden Kurhaus in downtown Wiesbaden.

Representing the two nations' military branches, the servicemembers are being recognized for their military and community

Senior leaders from the military, diplomatic, political and cor-porate world have been invited to the event, which starts at 6:30

This is the 13th annual salute to servicemembers by the United

Service Organizations. The recipients this year are

German army: Junior Sgt. Doris Voigt U.S. Army: Sgt. Christopher David Holbrook

U.S. Marine Corps: Lance Cpl. James N. McIntee

German navy: Head Ship's Mate Daniel Lammert

U.S. Navy: Petty Officer 3rd Class Surface Warfare Max Allen Spriggs III

German air force: Junior Sgt. Torsten Köbke U.S. Air Force: Senior Airman Adam J. Esposito

U.S. Coast Guard: Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael Christopher Azevedo

German Joint Medical Service: Sgt. Nico Gebauer German Joint Support Service: Junior Sgt. Sebastian Kirchhöfer

From staff reports

## Some Georgia troops to get refunds from term life insurance vendor

BY DICK PETTYS The Associated Press

ATLANTA - Many of the young soldiers at Fort Benning thought they were purchasing an investment product after they listened to the agent's spiel, but they really were buying term life insurance at less-than-bargain rates

Now some who bought the policies in 2002 and 2003 at the Army infantry training base in west Georgia will see refunds as a result of a state investigation into whether agents from some companies misled the young recruits.

And the probe has expanded to other Georgia military bases where similar complaints have been raised, state insurance commissioner John Oxendine said Thursday. The official, John Oxendine,

said the situation reminds him of one aimed at senior citizens years ago in which some insurance agents were offering retirement investment help to older Americans while actually just selling "garbage life insurance policies

"This is pretty much the same approach," he said, "except they're going after 19-year-old

"Marketing an insurance product as an investment is clearly inappropriate and does violate Georgia law. So that's kind of what we're looking at," he added.

Oxendine said it appears from his initial findings that some agents gained access to Fort Renning either through a vendor's pass or through friends, and then advertised financial planning, consulting or investment services while actually selling overpriced term life policies.

Some of the soldiers who bought the policies — generally through payroll deductions of \$100 a month — believed they were investing "in some kind of bank or investment program or mutual fund" that would pay dividends, not realizing they were purchasing an insurance product, Oxendine said.

"The people we talked to hon-The people we talked to non-estly thought they were making an investment. They thought it was like putting money in a bank," he said. "They said insurance was mentioned, but not really talked about. All they [the agents] talked about was 'investment, investment, investment

Fort Benning spokesman Rich McDowell said military officials

"take what happened very seriously" and said vendors must now secure "all sorts of clearanc-es" before being permitted on

One company that pushed policies at Fort Benning — American Amicable Life Insurance Co. of Waco, Texas - is offering refunds, company Mark Palmer said company snokesman

After The New York Times renorted in July on the sales. American Amicable launched an internal probe and found that four insurance agents violated company and Department of Defense rules by approaching groups of soldiers in basic training, Palmer said

Three of the agents have been fired and one resigned, he said. The company hasn't found similar instances at other bases, he

Palmer said \$75 of the premium that soldiers paid for the product went to a term life insurance policy and \$25 to an annuity rider guaranteed to give them a 4 percent return on investment but

currently paying 6.5 percent. Oxendine said he also is investi-

gating policies sold by Trans World Assurance of San Mateo Calif., and the Madison National Life Insurance Co. of Middleton,

## **GAO** frowns on drop in Reserve retirement age

### Agency cites costs, retention. shifting skills

dvocates for lowering the age-60 threshold for when Reserve retirement benefits begin will find little to cheer about in a new report from the Government Accountability Office.

With numerous bills before Congress to drop the Reserve retirement age to 55 or younger, lawmakers in 2002 directed GAO to review Reserve retirement, assess the need for change, and weigh the costs of granting annuities earlier against the benefits of retaining more reservists.

The report, released this month, concludes that the Department of Defense doesn't collect attrition data in a way to determine whether the services are keeping enough Reserve and National

Guard members for 20 years or more. DOD also lacks data to show whether offering earlier annuities would even improve personnel retention rates

Yet the report goes on to give five reasons for Congress to move cautiously, or perhaps not at all, to change Reserve retirement. They are:

Cost: The retirement fund exense to lower the age at which Reserve annuities start would range from a low of more than \$5 billion over 10 years to a high of more than \$34 billion.

The totals include the cost of providing, at age 55 or earlier. both annuities and health bene-

Too few gain: Because only one of four reservists serves long enough to retire, a change in law to start annuities earlier won't benefit most Reservists who served or are now deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

On the other hand, it would raise the value of retirement for many reservists who might not

## **MILITARY** UPDATE

ever deploy in the war on terror-

Only a third of Reserve component personnel have been activated since Sept. 11, 2001.

Better alternatives: The services have more efficient ways to raise compensation of deployed reservists

They include hazardous duty pay, family separation allowancand a new, still unused special allowance for military personnel who endure frequent or long de-

Rebalancing skills: The Department of Defense is shifting skills previously concentrated in the Reserve and National Guard to active-duty forces.

This should relieve operational

occupations and soften the argument for changing Reserve retire-

Unintended effects: Changing Reserve retirement could have unintended negative consequences for keeping active-duty forces.

For example, says GAO, if Reserve retirement is changed to provide immediate annuities after 20 years of service, some personnel who planned to remain on active duty until retirement might leave and serve their remaining time in a Reserve compo-

Rep. Jim Saxton, R-N.J., introduced the legislation, the most popular Reserve retirement bill now on Capitol Hill. It would lower the age threshold to 55. So far, it has 190 co-sponsors, a balance of Republicans and Demo-

No Reserve retirement changes made it into either the House or Senate version of the 2005 defense authorization bill, now in final negotiations.

60, reservists must have at least years of creditable service, which means a minimum of 50 retirement points earned each year from monthly drills, annual train-

ing or mobilization. The more points earned, the higher the annuity.

In fiscal 1992, reservists earned an average 64 retirement points. By fiscal 2001, that average was up to 138.

Despite a higher pace of deploy-ments, GAO said, Reserve retention rates have remained relatively stable since 1991, the first Persian Gulf War.

In a small nod to advocates for change, GAO noted that the age-60 threshold was set in 1948 when federal civilian employees had to work until 60 to qualify for retirement. In 1967, the minimum federal

civilian retirement age was lowered to 55 for employees with 30 or more years of federal service. To comment, write Military Update, P.O. Box 231111, Centreville, VA 20120-1111, e-mail milupdate@aol.com or visit www.militaryupdate.com

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## Traditional folk parade will be highlight of Cannstatter Volksfest

wheel in world.

environment.

BY CHARLIE COON

Stars and Strines STUTTGART, Germany - For those who can't make it to Mu-

nich for the Oktoberfest, another very large beer festival starts Saturday in Stuttgart. The 159th Stuttgart Beer Festival. also known as the Cannstat-

Volksfest, features football-size tents filled with beer-drinking people dancing on tables to live music. There are dozens of carnival

rides and piles of local Schwabian food favorites such as cheese noo-dles and roasted pork.

The festival runs daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. through Oct. 10.

For people who live near Kaiserslautern, Heidelberg and Frankfurt, the good news is that the Volksfest in Stuttgart is about two hours closer than Munich.

"It's one of the most beautiful and biggest beer festivals in the world," said Karin Stolz, a spokeswoman for the city of Stuttgart.

traditional folk parade starts downtown and winds its way to

the festival grounds, known as the Cannstatter Wasen. The parade will feature

horse-drawn brewery floats as groups from the region dress in traditional garb

One of the festival's highlights

will come Sunday when the large,



Stolz said that hotel rooms are available in the city, and reservations can be made by calling (+49) 0711-222-8233.

Information: http://www.stutt gart-tourist.de/english/stutt gart/festivals/beerfestival.html

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### DOD restores Web site access for overseas voters

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Pentagon has restored access to a Web site that assists soldiers and other Americans living overseas in voting, after receiving complaints that its security measures were preventing legitimate voters from using it.

The site, www.fvap.gov, had been closed to users of certain Internet service providers, because some hackers were using those providers to launch attacks on U.S. government sites, military officials said.

But that had the effect of restricting legitimate traffic from those providers, as well. The move prompted criticism from overseas voter advocates and a few Democratic members of Congress, who said the security interfered with the voting rights of Americans overseas. In a statement, the Penta-

gon said the changes will open the Web site, run by the Foreign Voting Assistance Program, to most, but not all, users. The site assists U.S. citizens overseas in casting absentee ballots.

"It is always a challenge to balance access with the required security on Department of Defense systems," said Charles S. Abell, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readi-

Some U.S. government agencies have previously blocked access to their Web sites from Internet providers, and even entire countries, when hacking attempts have been detected.

Brett Rierson, a Hong Kong-based Democrat who wrote to the Pentagon about the problem, said he tracked complaints from users of at least 27 providers in 25 countries who have been denied access to information from the Pentagon-run site.

## 10th Mountain on yet another deployment

### Almost half of division's soldiers are veterans of Afghanistan, Iraq or both

By LISA BURGESS Stars and Strings

BAGHDAD — When 21-year-old Spc. Alfredo Ze ndijias first stepped inside the gate of the fabled 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y., in 2001, little did he know that the division would soon become famous as one the Army's most-de-ploved units.

In fact, his unit in particular, Company C of the 10th Mountain Division's 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, "is one of the most deployed units in the Army," according to Lt. Col. John Spiszer, battalion commander.

After Sept. 11, 2001, elements of the 10th Mountain were deployed to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; Uzbekistan; Afghamistan for Operation Anaconda; Dijbouti in the Horn of Africa; and now Iraq — for a full year, Spiszer said Wednesday.

Zendijias said he knew, after the Sept. 11 attacks — he was in basic training at the time — that deployments would follow, no matter which unit he ended up in.

"I just didn't expect to be out this often," said the young soldier, whose favorite deployment to date has been Africa. "Maybe once."

By the time they return home after a year in Iraq, some 10th Mountain soldiers "will have been deployed for more than 26 months out of the past 45 months," said Spiszer, whose battalion is nicknamed the Polar Bears.

"We have lots of [battle-] scarred soldiers in this brigade," said 2nd Brigade Combat Team commander Col. Mark Milley, a Princeton-educated Ranger and former Special Forces infantryman.

In fact, between 40 percent and



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Saba al Boor, the largest town in territory patrolled by Company C of the 10th Mountain Division's 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, is known as a quiet, very rural, American-friendly town.

50 percent of the 10th Mountain soldiers who are now here at Camp Victory were either in Afghanistan, Iraq, or both, Milley said. So Zendijias, who is from Norwalk, Calif., is not alone.

The 2nd BCT is responsible for 700 square miles of the western "hinterlands" of Baghdad, Spizser said.

The soldiers "do full spectrum operations, from constant patrolling... to helping recruit and mentor" the new Iraq National Police force, Milley said Wednesday.

The brigade also works with local officials on civil affairs projects such as health care, irrigation systems and potable water and sewage disposal, he said.

Some of the 10th Mountain's solders are not in Iraq by choice, such as Spc. Billy Weatherall, a 23-year-old from Bossier City, La. He was only three days from finishing his Army contract and going to college when he got the news on May 12 that he had been extended in order to be sent to Iraq for a year.

Weatherall, who said he joined the military "out of family tradition," including both grandfathers in the Air Force and a father in the Marines, had been in the Army for four years and four months and had already done three deployments: Aberdeen, Uzbekistan and Anaconda. Now he is in Iraq, where the unit arrived in mid-July after spending a month in Kuwait. In total, he has been deployed for

one year and nine months, he said. Weatherall said he doesn't mind deployments: "... But I didn't realize I'd be deployed four times." Like his company mate Zendijias, Weatherall liked his stint

ndijias, Weatherall liked his stint in Africa the best. "It was a fantastic deployment,"

he said while grabbing a taco-and-cheese dinner at the chow hall after a Wednesday patrol. "We got to see so much of the other cultures." 44 The hardest part is not being able to call my family, or not getting time off to goof around with my friends. 17

Spc. Alfredo Zendijias 10th Mountain Division

The least favorite, for both men, was Operation Anaconda, in Afghanistan.

"Just the terrain was so rough," never mind the fighting, Zendijias said while chewing a corn dog and some fried chicken.

Iraq isn't too bad, both men said. "The hardest part is not being

able to call my family, or not getting time off to goof around with my friends," Zendijias said.

In his precious spare time, Weatherall said, he "lifts weights and goes to church."

"I think [God] is looking over our shoulders because he knows what we are doing is right," the deyout Bantist said.

Weatherall said he still intends to go to college when his extension finally ends. But he doesn't want to cut all his

But he doesn't want to cut all his Army ties — he wants to join his local National Guard unit.

"I want to be with my buddies," he said. Zendijias said he intends to stay

in the Army. His dream assignment is Fort Lewis, Wash., working with the new Stryker Brigade.

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## General: Guard will fall short of recruiting goal

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Army National Guard will fall 5,000 solders short of its recruiting goal this year, in part because fewer in the active-duty force are switching to part-time service, knowing how frequently Guard units an ebeing dispatched to war zones, the Guard's top general said Thursday.

It will be the first time since 1994 that the Guard has missed its sign-up goal.

Army Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau, said in an Associated Press interview that he's concerned by the shortfall but believes it will not be a long-term trend.

"This is something that can't be ignored. I've got to watch it every day," he said. "But it's not something that I would say indicates that we're breaking. I think it indicates that the recruiting climate

has gotten tougher, and that means we need to adjust to a tougher market."

The Guard had set a goal of 56,000 recruits for the budget year ending Sept. 30 but is likely to end up with about 51,000, he said.

Blum cited two main reasons why the Guard is attracting fewer soldiers from the active-duty force — a pool of recruits that in some states accounts for half of the new Guard members in a given year.

One reason is the active-duty Army is prohibiting soldiers already in units in Iraq or Afghanistan — or preparing to deploy there — from leaving the service,

even if their enlistment term is up. The other reason, Blum said, is that active-duty soldiers know a growing number of Guard units are being sent to Iraq and Afghanistan, so they figure there is little to be gained, in terms of reluted personal risk, by switching from active duty to the Guard.





# Officials: More troops will be needed in Iraq

### Rumsfeld quashes rumors of draft to boost numbers

BY THOMAS E. RICKS AND JOSH WHITE

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — U.S. and foreign officials say it is increasingly clear that more armed forces will be needed in Iraq in the coming months to secure the nation's firstdemocratic elections, to protect against the possibility of an insurgent offensive during Ramadan and to allow U.S. commanders to launch a major counterofficette to quell the rebellion in the Sunni Trianele

The question of who will provide those troops, however, is still unanswered. Army Gen. John Abizaid, commander of U.S. troops in the Middle Bast, told reporters on Capitol Hill on Wednesday that more forces would be needed, saying he prefers the bulk of the new forces come from forces and from other nations instead of from a significant increase in U.S. troops.

"I think we will need more troops than we currently have to secure the elections process in Irraq that will probably take place in the end of January," abtizad said after a closed-door briefing with legislators about the current state of operations Irraq and Afstar out belief that those troops will be Irraq troops." Also, he said, there may be more international troops.

So, Abizaid concluded, "I don't foresee a need for more American troops, but we can't discount it." There currently are 135,000 U.S. servicemembers in Iraq. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld testified Thursday before the Senate Armed Services Committee that he expects Iraq to become a more violent place as elections approach, and said Abizaid will be getting more troops.

Rumsfeld, however, also expects the forces to come largely in the form of new Iraqi security recruits. But he said that more U.S. troops could be sent if combatant commanders request them.

"In the event Gen. Abizaid decides he needs more forces to assist in the elections, like he has, for example, in Afghanistan, he'll ask, and he'll get it," Rumsfeld

However, Rumsfeld was contradicted by Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage.

"We're going to have an election that is free and open and that has to be open to all citizens. It's got to be our best effort to get it into troubled areas as well," Armitage told a House committee Friday when asked about Rumsfeld's statement.

Pentagon staff officers are working hard to develop contingency plans for increasing the U.S. force in Iraq if a decision is made to do that, said an Army officer at the Pentagon.

"They're coming up with courses of actions and options to meet the requirement," this officer said. No formal request has yet arrived from Abizaid, he said, but "prudent military planning" is under way.

The Army officer said he

thought it was likely that Marines in western Iraq on a seven-month tour would be extended. A Marine spokesperson said she hadn't received any indication that such an extension would occur.

Rumsfeld again publicly knocked down persistent rumors that the Bush administration is considering a reinstatement of the draft to boost the military's numbers

"I'm not supposed to get in politics, but it is absolutely false that anyone in this administration is considering reinstating the draft," Rumsfeld said, his voice rising. "That is nonsense."

But a Pentagon-appointed panel of outside experts has concluded in a new study that the military does not have enough forces to sustain current and anticipated stability operations, the New York Times reported Friday

Portions of the study, not yet released, were read into the public record Thursday by Rhode Island Sen. Jack Reed, a leader of Democrats who want to expand the size of the military. During testimony by Rumsfeld and his top commanders, Reed said he found the study "provocative and startling."

Rumsfeld called it an "excellent piece of work," and that he had ordered briefings on its findings for senior military and civilian officials, but cautioned that the section read by Reed was not a comprehensive synopsis, the Times reported.

Reed said the Defense Science Board study found "inadequate total numbers of U.S. troops" and "a lack of long-term endurance."



Two U.S. soldiers and an Iraqi soldier investigate near the Italian Embassy in Baghdad after mortars exploded on Friday. Three Iraqis were slightly wounded.

## Mortars explode near embassy

BY SAMEER N. YACOUB The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Gumen abductded six Egyptians working for Iraq's mobile phone company, seizing two in a bold raid on the firm's Baghdad office and the others outside the capital, officials said Friday, the latest in a string of kidnappings that have underscored the country's fragile security.

Also Friday, mortars exploded near the Italian Embassy in Baghdad, slightly wounding three Iraqis, the Foreign Ministry in Rome said. The mortars were fired shortly after 6 a.m. when the embassy offices were closed, the For-

eign Ministry said.
Hours later, a rocket hit the busy Baghdad thoroughfare Palestine Street. Blood stains could be seen on the street afterward, footage from Associated Press

Television news showed.

Police Capt. There Mtashar confirmed there were casualties, but he could not say how many.

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U.S. Marines fired artillery rounds at militants in the Sunn insurgent stronghold of Fallujah, west of Baghdad, the military said. The rounds were fired after a said. The rounds were fired after of insurgents getting out of a vehicle with a mounted machine gun, said 1st Lt. Lyle Gilbert, a Marine spokessman. U.S. warplanes have repeatedly targeted the network of Jordanian-born militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in recent weeks with attacks in and around Fallujah.

The kidnappings of the Egyp-

tians came amid the hostage drama surrounding Briton Kenneth Bigley, who was shown in a videotape Wednesday begging for authorities to meet his kidnappers' demands and save his life.

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## U.S. deaths in Iraq

e Associated Pres

As of Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004, 1,039 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 789 died as a result of hostile action and 250 died of non-hostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 65 deaths; Italy, 19; Doland, 13; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, eight; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, two; and Demmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each. Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush de-

clared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 901 U.S. military members have died — 680 as a result of hostile action and 221 of non-hostile causes, according to the military. The latest deaths reported by U.S. Central Com-

mand:

A Marine was killed Wednesday in Iraq's Anbar province.

The latest identifications reported by the Department of Defense and the North Dakota National Guard:

■ Army Sgt. Brandon E. Adams, 22, Hollidaysburg, Pa., died Sunday at Walter Reed Army

Medical Center in Washington, D.C., of injuries sustained Feb. Ib when a greande exploded as he was clearing a house in Fallujah, Iraq, assigned to the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

Marine Sgt. Foster L. Harrington, 31, Fort Worth, Texas, killed Monday in Iraq's Anbar province; assigned to the Marine Corps Reserves 3rd

word, Texas, kined Wolday in Traq's Andar province; assigned to the Marine Corps Reserves 3rd Force Reconnaissance Company, 4th Marine Division, Mobile, Ala.

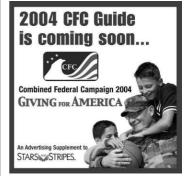
killed Wednesday when he was shot by a sniper; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash.

■ Army Staff Sgt. Lance J. Koenig, 33, Fargo,

N.D.; killed Wednesday near Tikrit, Iraq, when the explosive he was investigating went off; assigned to Company B of the North Dakota Guard's 141st Engineer Combat Battalion. ■ Marine Sgt. Benjamin K. Smith, 24, Carter-

■ Marine Sgt. Benjamin K. Smith, 24, Carterville, Ill.; killed Wednesday in Iraq's Anbar province; assigned to 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat, Twentynine Palms,

■ Army Pfc. Nathan E. Stahl, 20, Highland, Ind.; killed Tuesday by an explosive in Iraq; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Lewis,



### IN THE STATES

## Ivan strikes Gulf as Fla. braces for Jeanne

#### BY MARK BABINECK

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Ivan's second foray into the United States came with little wind but plenty of the rain, while Floridians braced for another possible pounding as Hurricane Jeanne appeared to be gearing up for a weekend landing.

After looping into the Atlantic and back into the Gulf of Mexico after its initial strike on the Alabama-Florida coast as a hurricane last week, Tropical Storm Ivan washed ashore near the Texas-Louisiana line Thursday night, bringing heavy rain to both sides of the border.

While the storm was expected to dissipate as it drifts into Texas

this weekend, its rains are expected to persist and cause problems, and flood-prone Houston is in its projected path.

"Friday night through Saturday morning, if you run a line through Galveston, Houston and College Station, that area probably is really going to get pounded," said National Weather Service meteorologist Kent Prochaz-

Jefferson County received between 3 and 3.5 inches of rain over four hours, but no flooding problems were immediately reported.

Louisiana was also spared any major problems.

ajor problems.
"It's just kind of like a cold of the c

cy Preparedness Director Freddie Richard Jr. said late Thursday. "We're just getting some rain and a little bit of wind."

Florida residents also had that oh-no-not-again feeling as 105-mph Hurricane Jeanne appeared to be zeroing in this weekend for what would be the state's fourth thrashing this season.

Jeanne already has been blamed for 1,070 flooding deaths in Haiti. At 8 am. EDT, Jeanne was about 315 miles east of Great Abaco Island in the northwestern Bahamas. It was expected to reach Florida by Sunday, according to the National Hurricane Center in Miami. Some projections showed the storm hitting central Florida and then moving up the coast to North Carolina by



Diane Kelly of West Palm Beach, Fla., stands in line Thursday, at a Home Depot in West Palm Beach to purchase 5-gallon gasoline containers. She was stocking up on items in case Hurricane Jeanne hits. Also Thursday, remnants of Ivan made landfall along the Gulf Coast.

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## **Bush solidifies support among male voters**

### Experts say it will be close race

BY WILL LESTER The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush solidified his advantage among men during the last month and holds his highest ratings since January on job perfor-mance, the economy and Iraq, according to an Associated Press

Bush has a 7-point lead over his Democratic challenger, Senator John Kerry - 52 percent to 45 percent among likely voters — in the AP-Ipsos survey less than six weeks before the Nov. 2 presidential election. Independent candidate Ralph Nader was backed by 1 percent.

The president held the advantage despite increasing violence in Iraq and a week of attacks on his Iraq policy by an increasingly combative Kerry

"We took a lead after our con vention and the lead has held," said Matthew Dowd, a senior Bush campaign strategist. Bush has a slight lead in some polls, and is running even in others.

Since the Republican conven tion, Bush's job approval is up, 54 percent among likely voters, and just over half of them approve of

#### On the issues



How will Americans know when the war on terrorism is won?

President Bush



"It is unlike any by the capture of a city or the conventional war we fall of a single regime. It will be have fought in the won through the steady nast It will not end advance of freedom, hope, and opportunity." with a peace treaty or

Sen, John Kerry



terrorism will be finally won when terrorists no longer have global reach and terrorist organizations are unable to inflict

catastrophic attacks. That will happen when we cut off their financing, their sanctuaries, their recruiting capabilities and their access to weapons of mass destruction.'

his handling of the economy and Iraq. His approval in all three areas is as high as it's been all year in the polling conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

Dowd wasn't assuming a Bush advantage would hold up through the election, however.

"The way we're approaching this, it will be a very close elec-" he said, adding that turning out Republican voters will be cru-

The Kerry campaign focused its message in recent days on growing problems in Iraq as Bush has talked about making steady progress there.

"If you look at all the recent polls, this race is headed back to even," said Mark Mellman, a Kerry campaign pollster. He said Kerry still has time to "make the with voters.

In the 2000 presidential electhree in 10 voters said they made up their minds in the last month, including one in 10 who did so in the final three days, according to exit polls. The undecided group is believed to be smaller this year

Bush holds a 17-point lead among men. And Bush and Kerry are tied among women, a tradi tionally Democratic group that now favors Bush on protecting the country

The poll of 931 likely voters was taken Sept. 20-22 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points, larger for subgroups.

### Kerry: Bush's pursuit of Saddam allowed bin Laden to stay free

BY MARY DALRYMPLE The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA - Democratpresidential candidate John Kerry faulted President Bush on Friday for pursuing Saddam Hussein instead of Sept. 11 mastermind Osama bin Laden, a part of a Bush strategy he contended had made defeating terrorism more difficult.

"The invasion of Iraq was a pro found diversion from the battle against our greatest enemy, al-Qaida," Kerry said in a speech at Temple University. "There's just no question about it. The presi-dent's misjudgment, miscalculation and mismanagement of the war in Iraq all make the war on terror harder to win

Kerry, in offering a detailed strategy to contain terrorism and to draw a sharp distinction between his and the president's views on national security, added, 'Iraq is now what it was not before the war, a haven for terror-

While campaigning Friday in Lafayette, Louisiana, Vice Presi-dent Dick Cheney told supporters, 'John Kerry is trying to tear down and trash all the good that has been accomplished."

A day earlier, Kerry told The Co lumbus Dispatch that the presi-dent's actions in Iraq and elsewhere show Bush masquerading mainstream conservative while pursuing extremist policies.
"I don't view these people as conservatives," Kerry said. "I actually view them as extreme, and I think their policies have been extreme, and that extends all the

way to Iraq, where this president in my judgment, diverted the real war on terror — which was Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida most obsessively moved to deal with Iraq in a way that weakened our nation, overextended our armed force

cost us \$200 billion and created a breach in our oldest allianc-

Kerry also mentioned a blurring line separation of church and state and the growth of federal budget deficits.



To douse the spread of terror ism, Kerry proposed policies aimed at denving individuals and groups the ability to organize and attack. Kerry said he would build a better military and intelligence apparatus to go after enemie deny terrorists weapons and financing, move against worldwide terrorist havens and recruitment centers, and promote freedom and democracy in Muslim nations.

## Middle-class tax cuts pass Congress by wide margins

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - With lopsided margins in both houses. Congress gave President Bush his fourth tax cut in four years, extending three popular mid-dle-class tax breaks and reviving some expired business tax incentives just six weeks before the

Many Democrats complained during the debate Thursday that majority Republicans who control Congress should have offset the lost revenue to keep the nation's soaring deficits from get-

But in the end large numbers of Democrats, including presiden-tial nominee John Kerry, supported the package, something that Republican tax-cut proponents had counted on occurring with the election only 40 days away.

The \$145.9 billion approved in the House by a 339-65 vote, with 125 Democrats joining 213 Republicans and one independent in voting for the proposal. In the Sen ate, the measure passed by a 92-3 While no House Republicans

voted against the tax cuts, the three senators objecting included two Republicans, Sens. Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island and Olympia Snowe of Maine, who joined Sen. Ernest Hollings, a Democrat, in voting "no." All three been critical of the government's inability to get soaring deficits under control

"I for one am very reluctant to saddle future generations with the bill for this fiscally ruinous policy," Chafee said in a state-

Bush, whose campaign was hoping for a high-profile victory on taxes in the closing weeks of the presidential race, praised the congressional votes and said his tax relief was "putting more money into the hands of the American people and helping to grow our economy.'

Kerry, the junior Democratic senator from Massachusetts, and his running mate, Sen, John Edwards of North Carolina, were on the campaign trail and did not on the pacakage. But Kerry said in a statement his supported

"Millions of American families are being squeezed by the weak Bush economy, falling incomes and rising health costs," Kerry said, adding that as president he would roll back Rush's tay cuts for the wealthiest families and use the savings to invest in health care and education.

The tax package Congress nassed will affect an estimated 94 million Americans. mainly through its provision to extend a broader 10 percent tax bracket, which helps reduce taxes for virtually all taxpayers. The package also keeps the per child tax credit at \$1 000 relief from the so-called marriage penalty.

The package extends the child credit for five years, the marriage penalty relief for four years and the expanded 10 percent tax bracket for six years. All were to have expired Jan. 1

When added to the tax relief Bush persuaded Congress to pass in 2001, all of the provisions will have the effect of keeping the popular provisions on the books through the rest of the decade.

After 2010 all of the tax cuts are due to expire.

Rush in the statement released by the White House, said Thurscongressional action "brings us one step closer to making the tax relief permanent.

Opponents, however, zeroed in on these proposals as an example of corporate welfare.

With passage of the individual tax measure, Congress has only one major piece of tax legislation pending — a corporate tax bill that would repeal about \$5 billion in tax breaks U.S. exporters receive and replace them with a va-

riety of other corporate tax relief. Passage of this measure is needed to end penalty tariffs that are being imposed on 1.600 U.S. exports to Europe as long as Congress fails to repeal the current export tax breaks, which the World Trade Organization has ruled represent violate global trade rules. However, there are big differences between the ver-

sions of the bill passed by the

Senate Finance Chairman Charles Grassley on Thursday called on the White House to honor its commitment to get actively involved in lobbying Congress to pass the corporate tax measure now that the individual tax package has been ap-



### IN THE WORLD

## Russia calls for additional terror watch list

BY KIM GAMEL The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS - Russia took its case for expanding the global war against terrorism to the United Nations, demanding the Security Council draw up a new list of terror suspects who would be subject to extradition.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, whose country has denounced Western countries for granting asylum to Chechen leaders it has linked to violence, said there can be no double standards in defining terror-

"Those who slaughtered children in Beslan and hijacked airnlanes to attack America are creatures of the same breed," he said in a forceful speech to the U.N. General Assembly.

"Harboring terrorists, their henchmen and sponsors undermines the unity and mutual trust of parties to the anti-terrorist front, serves as a justification for their actions and actually encourages them to commit similar crimes in other countries," he added

Russia circulated a draft resolution stressing the need for the 15 fully" in tracking down the perpetrators and organizers of terrorist attacks.

The proposed text also asks the committee monitoring what governments are doing to fight terrorism to consider how to draw up a new list of "individuals, groups and entities involved in or associated with terrorist activities."

The list, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, would be separate from that drawn up after the Sept. 11 attacks, which targets terror suspects linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network or Afghanistan's now deposed Taliban re-

All 191 U.N. member states are required to impose a travel ban and arms embargo on suspects on that list and freeze their assets.

Russia now wants similar punishments for those on the new list as well as speedy extraditions.

The United States was reviewing the proposal, said Secretary of State Colin Powell, who met with Lavrov for about 30 minutes

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw supported the initiative



Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavroy, left, and Secretary of State Colin Powell speak during a meeting Thursday at the United Nations. Lavrov asked the U.N. Security Council to draw up a new list of terror suspects to be subject to travel bans and extradition.

and said Britain would "work closely" with Russia on the wording to prevent terrorists from abusing asylum status.

"We cannot let terrorists exploit a protection designed for the persecuted, not the persecutors,' he said.

But the draft was short on specifics and Straw stressed that neither Britain nor any other European Union nation would return suspects to face the death penalty. Council diplomats said the resolution was likely to be formally in-

troduced on Friday Lavrov didn't single out any countries in his speech, but Rus-

sia was particularly upset by Britain's granting of refugee status to Akhmed Zakayev, an envoy for Chechen rebel leader Aslan

Maskhadov, and U.S. asylum for Ilyas Akhmadov, whom Maskhadov named as his foreign minister while he was Chech-nya's president in 1999.

The introduction of the terror resolution comes about three weeks after militants staged a series of attacks in Russia, including the hostage crisis at a school in Beslan that killed more than

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## IAEA calls for N. Korea to halt nuclear program

VIENNA, Austria - A 137-nation meeting of the atomic watchdog agency demanded on Friday that North Korea scrap nuclear weapons ambitions and urged it to allow inspectors to supervise its return to peaceful activities.

The conference has no authority to enforce its resolutions, and North Korea severed its ties with the agency in 2002. Still, the document reflected international concern over North Korea's threats to build nuclear weapons and attempts to use that as a bargaining chip at six-party talks designed to wrest concessions from the United States and others IAEA Director-General Moham-

ed ElBaradei told the agency's board last week that the nuclear standoff with North Korea posed a 'serious challenge" to the global effort to control the spread of atomic weaponry.

ElBaradei said that, with his agency shut out of North Korea since December 2002, it cannot say whether the country has diverted sensitive nuclear material to other nations or groups looking to

### Panic erupts in ravaged Haiti

GONAIVES. Haiti - Survivors who were left with almost nothing after Tropical Storm Jeanne devastated this town buried unclaimed corpses in mud-clogged backvards and attacked aid trucks and even neighbors bringing them food.

"You don't want to make me use this!" one man screamed as he waved a wrench at people carrying cauldrons of food to distribute at a church. The volunteers had come from the port of St. Marc to Gonaives, where flooding from the storm killed at least 1.100 people.

families and everything they own - were losing patience at the slow pace of relief.

Knee-deep mud sucked up animal carcasses and sharp pieces of torn-off zinc roofs, as well as human excrement after the sanitation system was destroyed. Limes have become a hot item in the devastated city of 250,000 be-cause people hold them to their noses to relieve the stench.

The U.N. stabilization mission in Haiti put the number of missing at 1,251. Toussaint Kongo-Doudou, a spokesman for the mission, said 1,113 bodies had been recovered and nearly 300,000 were homeless in Haiti's northwest province — with the vast majority of victims in Gona-

Hungry and thirsty survivors some of whom have lost entire

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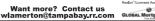
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## **Outgoing leader of NATO** bids farewell to Kosovo

The Associated Press

PRISTINA, Serbia-Montene-

- The outgoing commander of NATO forces in southern Eu-rope on Friday paid a farewell visit to Kosovo's leaders and urged citizens to work together with authorities and peacekeepers to improve security in the tense U.N.-run province.

Adm. Gregory Johnson, who served at NATO's command in Naples, Italy, said that "great progress" was made in Kosovo, where 18,000 alliance troops are deployed on a peacekeeping mis-sion, known as KFOR.

Earlier this month. Kosovo's peacekeeping force announced its current troop level would be increased by 2,000 troops from Germany, Italy and France to boost security ahead of next month's general election in the province. Campaigning for the Oct. 23 vote has begun amid threats that Serbs will boycott the ballot, citing lack of security.

Johnson said security in the province, where the majority ethnic Albanians and minority Serbs remain bitterly divided, could not be left only to the peacekeepers.

"It is everybody working togeth-Johnson said. That way, he added, "we will provide the correct umbrella of security" to create a climate of confidence "where everybody can walk out of the door and walk down the village to the polling booth and feel that they don't have to suffer any kind of retribution ... and I think we're getting there."

The October ballot will be Kosovo's second general election since it came under U.N. control in 1999. It represents a major challenge to international officials trying to reconcile Kosovo's bitterly

divided communities and establish a multiethnic society Those efforts were dealt a se-

vere blow earlier this year when mobs of ethnic Albanians targeted Serbs and their property after re-ports that Serbs drowned three ethnic Albanian children in a river, a claim that was never documented.

The United Nations and NATO have controlled Kosovo since the war ended in mid-1999 were harshly criticized by think tanks and human rights groups for lacking coordination and failing to offer protection to Serbs during the mid-March riots.

Officials say they have since taken steps to prevent a resurgence of unrest such as removing some of the national restrictions. stepping up cooperation with police, training the peacekeepers in crowd control tactics and bringing in more armored vehicles and other equipment.

## Balkan nations agree to joint defense system

SOFIA, Bulgaria - Senior defense officials of three Balkan countries pledged Friday to set up a joint air defense system in efforts to boost military cooperation in the formerly conflict-ridden region.

At a meeting in Sofia, the defense ministers and the chiefs-of-staff of Bulgaria, Albania and Macedonia decided to start on the air defence project. Albanian Defense Minister Pandeli Majko said.

"This is going to be a lengthy process, and no deadline for its completion exists, as tough exnert work lies ahead " said Rulgaria's army chief-of-staff, Gen. Nikola Kolev.

No further details of the project were released.

Bulgaria joined NATO in April along with six other Eastern European countries. Albania and Macedonia have joined

program and are aspiring to full membership in the alliance

In Sofia, the three countries' officials also discussed army re-forms and ways to boost regional military cooperation aimed at "achieving the irreversibility of the stabilization process in southeastern Europe," the min-

isters said in a joint statement. Bulgaria expressed its sup-port for Albania and Macedonia's drives to join NATO, and pledged to share its experience in qualifying for membership.

Bulgarian Defense Minister Nikolai Svinarov also said the three countries would welcome the widening of their regional forum with other countries. such as NATO members Turkey, Greece, Italy and Romania, or NATO candidate Croatia.

The next meeting of the defense ministers of Albania, Bul-garia and Macedonia is scheduled to be held in Ohrid, Macedonia, in April 2005.

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#### Banning prostitutes unwise

When I read the article about the proposed ban on soldiers contracting prostitutes ("DOD: Soliciting prostitute should end career," Sept. 23), I almost fell off my chair. Who could think of such a thing with a straight face.

I realize that the greatest spies in history were prostitutes. But when you take a soldier at the peak of his sexual life, send him to another country where he cannot take his wife or is single and one of the country's only products and income is prostitution, you, sir, are asking for trou-ble with such a law.

We talk about China and its slave camps. Yet we buy from there like it was going out of style

And if anyone thinks banning GIs from having sex (because prostitution is their only means of having sex) will help stop human trafficking in these countries, he should wake up. It is a dirtier business than drugs, but it is here to stay as long as those countries live with the attitudes and laws that are now in effect

Sey is a natural function as well as the second strongest need of man. Americans are usually afraid to discuss the subject and are embarrassed when it comes up.

Instead of banning use of prostitution, the government should offer it and control it. Then the trafficking would have no effect on the military there and it would be safe as possible. Some forget that prostitution is also legal in several parts of the USA.

Wherever there are men and women, there will be prostitution. And the trafficking part of it will live on with or without the United States there to try and control it.

> John R Mize Langenzenn, Germany

#### Broadcast was offensive

I am writing to express my and my wife's shock at a bit of "humor" we heard

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while vacationing in Garmisch, Germany, on AFN-Europe radio.

The Bavarian affiliate was playing prerecorded programming produced by Clear Channel, I believe. In between songs, they played little humorous

The offending blurb was not funny and can only be defined as being in appalling-ly poor taste and utterly offensive. The female announcer stated, "When I want to torture my prisoners, I make them listen to what I want to hear.'

Anyone reading this who does not understand our outrage has either been liv-ing under a rock since at least March or is part of the overall problem in our society that would make American radio producers and executives think that this could possibly be considered humorous or appropriate.

Offered as background to illustrate our perspective: I am a retired U.S. Army veteran currently working as an information security professional in Iraq and my wife is a six-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force

Gregory Strasser

#### Vets' 'valuable insight'

I agree with the column "Heln combat vets express their emotions" (Sept. 8). when the writer explains that returning veterans from combat theaters can be 'all at sea" and depressed, and a newly found inner turmoil has encroached upon their lives. The writer said that the duty of citizens is to listen to them.

There is a valuable insight that these returning veterans can share with the world, and therefore make it a better place. This emotional turmoil they are suffering is the realization that life is fleeting, and everything they thought was of importance before gets washed aside as they try to come to terms with the horrors they have witnessed.

Suddenly, it's not important to own a fancy sports car, whether your team wins the World Series or Super Bowl, celebrities don't inspire the awe they once did, even trivial problems of loved ones aren't important anymore. And this is where the returning veter-

an is valuable. He or she can see the true meaning of life, and he or she has a pur-

Veterans know that what is important is saving lives and combating evil. And, in turn, they can use their skills as knowledgeable humanitarians to fight evil and save lives on their own doorstep.

No wonder returning veterans feel isolated when returning to the "normality" of life at home. That's because what they are seeing is not really normal, it's not true life. True life is helping others through hardships that are life-threatening, not petty.

I hope that all veterans who have experienced the horrors of war realize that they are special people who gave their all, and that they are important enough to continue helping others and, in a subtle way, show their fellow human beings the true meaning of life. Paul Des Jardins

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## **AOL** offers expanded password security

BY ANICK JESDANUN

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Passwords alone won't be enough to get onto America Online under a new, optional log-on service that makes AOL the first major U.S. online business to offer customers a second layer of security.

The so-called two-factor authentication scheme will cost \$1.95 a month in addition to a one-time \$9.95 fee. It is initially targeted at small businesses, victims of identity theft and individuals who pay a lot of bills and conduct other financial transactions through their AOL accounts

Subscribers get a matchbook-size device from Bedford, Mass.-based RSA Security Inc. displaying a six-digit code that changes every minute. The code is necessary to log on, so a scammer who guesses or steals a password cannot access the account without the device in hand

Two-factor authentication - whether through the RSA device, biometrics or cards printed with rotating lists of passwords - is common in Scandinavia. Brazil. Singapore and selected countries. In the United States, its use is largely limited to employees accessing office networks remotely, or people with high-value financial portfolios.

AOL spokesman Andrew Weinstein said the time was ripe to offer it as subscribers move more of their sensitive personal. business and financial information online.

The offering also comes as scammers increasingly find ways to trick subscribers into giving their passwords by sending e-mail disguised as legitimate information

And with so many sites now requiring passwords, many Internet users have be

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come careless: They create easy-to-remember passwords that tend to be easy to guess - or they write them down on sticky notes and post them at their computers.

By requiring the second, rotating password, "you don't have to remember complicated passwords to still have good security." said Scott Schnell, a senior vice president at RSA Security

The second password will be required for checking e-mail and accessing services tied to the AOL account, including calendars, stock portfolios and AOL's Bill Pay.

It won't protect services offered by third

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parties on the open Internet, outside AOL's walled gardens, except in cases where their statements and other sensitive information are sent to the AOL e-mail account. Nor is the second password needed to use AOL Instant Messenger

Gartner analyst Avivah Litan believes a "very narrow set of consumers" haps 5 percent to 15 percent of AOL's 30 million subscribers - would sign up, but "you have to start somewhere."

She said AOL's offering likely would prompt other Internet service providers and banks to consider such systems more

first major online business in the **United States to** embrace a second laver of authentication for its regular customers, Subscribers get a matchhook-size device from RSA Security Inc. containing a six-digit code that changes every minute. They will need that code to log on, so a scammer who guesses or steals a password cannot access the account without the device

America Online Inc.

will become the

seriously though the prevailing belief these days is that customers will find them

in hand.

Just this summer, HSBC Bank USA began requiring a second password to access its bill-payment services.

That password is entered using an on-screen keypad to thwart snoops who secretly install software that records kevstrokes as they are typed on a regular key-

Unlike AOL's service, though, neither password automatically changes, nor is there a charge.

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| British pound           | \$1.8005   |
| Canada (Dollar)         | 1.2782   |
| Denmark (Krone)         | 5.70   |
| Egypt (Pound)           | 6.2174   |
| Euro                    | \$1.2314   |
| Hong Kong (Dollar)      | 7.7988   |
| Hungary (Forint)        | 199.40   |
| Iceland (Krona)         | 71.415   |
| Israel (Shekel)         | 4.4863   |
| Japan (Yen)             | 110.55   |
| Kuwait (Dinar)          | 0.29461  |
| Norway (Krone)          | 6.39   |
| Philippines (Peso)      | 56.31  |
| Saudi Arabia (Rival)    | 3.59   |
| Singapore (Dollar)      | 1.6931   |
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## ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

## Writing skills a must

difficult to use.

NEW YORK - Even if you aren't a journalist or an author, writing skills are likely to still count for a lot when being hired or promoted.

Two-thirds of American emplovees have some writing responsibility, reports Business Roundtable, a national association of chief executives. The association surveyed 120 companies with 8 million employees.

According to the Business Roundtable survey, 80 percent of large companies take writing skills into account when hiring. and 50 percent look to writing skills when making promotion decisions. Each year, corporations spend an estimated \$3.1 billion to remedy their employees writing deficiencies.

Lu Rehling, the director of San Francisco State University's Technical and Professional Writing Program, said most employees aren't prepared for business writing: memos, proposals, articles and presentations. Many workers rely only on their essay writing experience from high school. "It's great if you want to write for the New Yorker," she added, "but most workplaces are looking for a different kind of writing.

To improve your workplace writing, Rehling recommends the following: Write and read drafts from your audience's point of view. "Get out of your own head," she said. It will help clear out your biases, leaving clear, jargon-free writing that contains everything a reader would need to know

Share your work with an honest peer to examine grammar, spelling and most important. content. Most people consider writing to be highly personal, but don't sugarcoat problems or ruthlessly rip a piece apart. Look for constructive criticism instead. "Be frank with each other about ways the writing can improve," Rehling advises.

Take advantage of learning op-portunities. Your employer may offer classes in workplace writing. You also might look into classes at local colleges commercial training programs or one-on-one executive coaching.



#### **EUROPEAN FORECAST**

Benelux: Partly cloudy with rainshowers early Sunday. Highs in the upper 50s, Sunday lows in the mid to lower 50s.

Britain, Ireland: Cloudy with rain and gusty winds. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s, Sunday lows in the mid to upper 40s to lower 50s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the low 60s, Sunday lows in the mid to upper

France: Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s to upper 70s, Sunday lows in the mid to upper 50s.

Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and gusty winds. Highs in the 60s, Sunday lows in the mid to upper 50s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy with rain and gusty winds. Highs in the mid to upper 50s, Sunday lows in the low 40s to low 50s.

Hungary: Cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the low 60s, Sunday lows in the mid 40s.

Northern Italy: Mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers. Highs in the low to mid 70s, Sunday lows in the lower to upper 50s.

Southern Italy: Cloudy with rain-showers. Highs in the low 70s, Sunday lows in the mid to 50s.

Kosovo: Cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low to mid 60s, Sunday lows in the

Norway: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 50s, Sunday lows in the low to upper 40s.

Portugal, Spain: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s to upper 90s, Sunday lows in the low 50s to low 60's.

Turkey: Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s, Sunday lows in the mid to upper 50s.

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#### Dry town rethinking

MA ROCKPORT — Residents of this tourist village where alcohol has been banned for nearly 150 years have asked the Legislature to take the first step to ward allowing some sales of

Except for a brief period after Prohibition, Rockport has been dry e 1856, when since

ing women swept through town and destroyed anything containing

At a town meeting, nearly 1,000 people voted by a 3-to-1 margin to begin allowing the sale of alcohol at restaurants. Liquor stores and bars would still be banned.

The vote asks the state Legislature to approve a home rule petition that would place the issue before town voters in April.

#### Strvker land wanted

HONOLULU — The federal government wants to pay \$15.9 million to take over 1,400 acres of pineapple fields and other agriculture land for training the Ar-my's new Stryker Brigade.

The land near Schofield Barracks would be purchased through eminent domain from Campbell Estates, which supports the deal.

Environmentalists and Native Hawaiian groups, however, are expected to oppose the federal con-demnation of the land near Schofield Barracks, some of which is currently used by Del Monte to grow pineapples

The land would be used by the Army for firing ranges and train-ing for the 19-ton Stryker vehicles.

#### Attic accusation

HOUSTON - A teenage girl's claim that she was locked naked in an attic where she was fed bread and water in unsanitary conditions has prompted police and child welfare officials to investigate a residential treatment center

Child Protective Services and law officers are reviewing the teen's report of abuse at Child and Adolescent Development Inc. in Houston

Now living at a foster care facility in Brazoria County, the 16-year-old girl spoke of witnessing bathroom beatings with metal hangers and other degrading practices while living at the treatment center, according to the mother of another foster child who is friends with the teen

It was unknown when the alleged abuse took place or for how

#### School sickness

MO ST. LOUIS — About 80 stu-dents and several adults at a vocational-technical high school became ill after complaints of an unidentified odor

The Clyde C. Miller Career Academy was evacuated, but Fire Department spokeswoman Kim Bacon said there was no evidence of natural gas, carbon monoxide or other "environmental concerns" that could cause illness.

Several students and some teachers and staff complained of nausea and headaches, school district spokeswoman Karen Hylton said. Some of the sick were treated at the scene; others were treated at two hospitals. None of the illnesses was serious, and no one was hospi-



### **AMERICAN** ROUNDUP

talized overnight.

#### Salute to Otis

NY MASSENA -A decade after his death, Otis Campbell, the town drunk on "The Andy Griffith Show," is the subject of a new book.

Massena historian and author John Michaud tells the Watertown Daily Times that actor Hal J. Smith was the "best sober drunk in Hollywood."

Michaud's 72-page book titled "More Than Otis: No Bull! A Salute to Hollywood Actor Hal J. Smith" is a collection of stories about Smith culled from a mix of celebrities such as Andy Griffith and local friends from his northern New York hometown

Smith graduated from Massena High School in 1936 and went on to a show business career that spanned nearly five decades. Best known for his role on Griffith's show as the lovable town drunk Otis who regularly slept off his intoxication in Mayberry's jail, Smith also appeared on such television shows as "The Brady Bunch" and "The Addams Family.

#### Farmer cleared in deaths

CA MERCED — A California dairy farmer charged in the deaths of two workers who went into a manure pit without training or safety equipment is innocent of any crime, a Merced jury decided.



Changing color

Olympic College student Kara Welling covers her head with her sweatshirt to keep dry as she walks in the rain to her car on campus in Bremerton, Wash. The leaves around the Bremerton community college are begining to change into fall colors.

Patrick J. Faria was facing two counts of involuntary man-slaughter and charges that he violated the state Labor Code in the deaths of Enrique Araisa and Jose Alatorre on his

tell the court they were concerned that state regulations seemed lax, even years after the Feb. 2, 2001, deaths.

Alatorre had climbed into the pit to unclog it. He was overcome by toxic fumes coming from the mixture of liquid waste at the bottom of the narrow, 40-foot deep pit. He fell and drowned. Araisa climbed in to help Alatorre, and was also asphyxiated by the gases.

#### **Prairie dog protection**

SD PIERRE — Conservation groups have filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Forest Service and several other agencies, seeking to block a program that calls for the and black-tailed prairie dogs on federal land.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Denver, argues that the plan to reduce the prairie dog population in southwestern South Dakota violates national environmental

and forest-management laws. Colonies of black-tailed prairie dogs once were widespread from Canada to Mexico, but the population has decreased through much of that range because of disease, eradication programs and urban sprawl

#### House fire kills five

HOMESTEAD - A predawn house fire killed five relatives as firefighters had trouble getting into the home because its windows were covered with burglar bars and plywood storm shutters, officials said

Two adults and three children were found inside the burning house, Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Lt. Eugene Germain said. Four people died at the scene and one died on the way to a hospital, he said

The victims apparently died of smoke inhalation because the fire did not breach the bedroom, where they all were possibly sleeping, Germain said.

The house didn't have smoke alarms, so the victims may not have even known there was a fire, he said. The victims' identities and exact relations were not immediately available.

#### Back taxes paid

PA POTTSVILLE — A Potts ville coal company has paid \$44,854 in back taxes to three Carbon County boroughs, preventing a sale of its properties.

Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co., which faces stiff opposition to its proposal to fill a huge mine pit with river dredge, coal ash and kiln dust, owed Lansford \$15,126, Nesquehoning \$9,275 and Summit Hill \$20,453 in 2002 taxes, according to county Tax Claim Bureau Director Marie Midas.

Lehigh Coal President James Curran Jr. has blamed financial setbacks for delays in paying the taxes. The company is struggling with fierce opposition to its plan to fill the so-called Springdale Pit in Coaldale, Lansford and Summit Hill with the dredge mixture. which opponents fear could pollute the water supply.



na Lyles arranges decorations at the Mesilla Fall decor Valley Maze, a 10-acre corn field cut and groomed into a maze, on the first day of fall, in Las Cruces, N.M.



A Texas flag waves on top of Ameriquest Field Rising moon in Arlington as a half moon is seen rising in the sky in Arlington, Texas



**Bulldog express** Harrelyn Robertson, of Alma, Ark., gives her two-year-old bulldog, Cisco Kidd, a ride around the civic center parking lot in Lubbock, Texas.

Robertson is in town for the Heart of the Plains dog show and uses the custom-made bulldog express trike to not only give Cisco a ride but also to transport supplies to the building.



Pete Smith, standing, pilots a model pontoon plane while his brother Randy Misty morning Smith from Arizona films the flight. They were enjoying the early-morn stillness and mist on Klineline Pond in Vancouver, Wash. After a chilly and rainy end to summer, the first few days of autumn have been sunny and dry.



Jordan Moore gives her friend Jessica Food fight Arnold a face full of mustard in the parking lot of Christ United Methodist Church. The Pine Street High, the church's youth group, held "the world's largest food fight" to kick off the youth ministry year and its weekly Wednesday night services.



Sunken ship The mast of a sunken sailbo up out of the waters of the Intercoastal Waterway off Hatchet Point in Mobile, Ala.



Twin sisters Kaelyn, left, and Kelbi Winters, 4, enjoy a couple of snow cones at the Texas State Forest Festival in Lufkin. Texas

#### Hybrid car bill

CA SACRAMENTO — Rebuffing lobbying by the chairman of Ford Motor Co., Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a bill Thursday that will let thousands of single-occupant hybrid vehicles use carpool lanes.

The bill allows up to 75,000 hybrids to obtain decals from the state to use carpool lanes without having to have the minimum number of two or three occupants. Other advanced-technology vehicles could also qualify for the program. To obtain the decals, the vehicles would have to get at least 45 miles per gallon and meet tough emission standards.

The new law is scheduled to take effect Jan. 1, but it also needs federal approval to be implemented because federal funds help pay for

#### Seaplane festival

ME GREENVILLE — More than 300 planes converged on this lakeside town that remains a jump-off spot for bush pilots heading to even more remote regions of Maine and Canada.

The 31st annual International Seaplane Fly-In drew an estimated 100 seaplanes that landed on Moosehead Lake, and another 200 planes that landed at the local airport. Organizers said the three-day event attracted about 5,000 people.

The event celebrates the marvels of flying and the daring of the bush pilots who shuttled sportsmen, woodsmen and businessmen to fishing camps and logging sites. "For seaplane pilots, it's the biggest event in the United States said David Ouam, founder of the Seaplane Pilots Association

#### Wrong moose = fine

CHEYENNE — Wyoming Attorney General Patrick Crank pleaded guilty and paid a \$210 fine Wednesday for a hunting violation in which his son illegally shot a female moose.

Saying it was a "stupid mistake" and a "humbling experience," Crank mailed papers to the Lincoln County Circuit Court, pleading guilty to being an accessory to the taking of the wrong sex of a moose and paying the citation.

In a letter to Circuit Judge Frank J. Zebre, Crank said he was hunting with his son around dusk in western Wyoming when they mistook a cow moose for a bull moose and shot it. His son had a state license to shoot a hull moose but not a cow moose.

"We spotted some moose near dark, believed one of the moose was a bull, and I told my son to shoot the animal we believed was a bull," he wrote. "After he shot the animal, and it had rolled down the hill, we discovered that he had killed a cow moose."

They field-dressed the moose. filled out the bull moose license and reported the violation to state Game and Fish warden Todd Graham

#### Boy suspected of rape

MILWAUKEE — An 11-year-old boy raped an elderly neighborhood woman as three other boys watched, police

Police arrested him and three others, Sgt. Ken Henning said.

Henning said the boys had been terrorizing" the 76-year-old "terrorizing" the woman in her house for a week, crawling through a window each day and stealing items.

woman lived alone, he said. The woman alerted police after she was raped by one of the boys while the others - ages 11, 12 and 13 — watched, Henning said.

Henning said the 11-year-old boy admitted to the crime and was arrested on suspicion of sexual assault. The others were arrested on suspicion of being parties to a crime

#### JFK Jr. plane for sale

NY SEAFORD — John F. Kennedy Jr.'s first airplane — sold after he bought the ill-fated craft that went down off Martha's Vineyard in 1999 - will be offered for sale online.

The three-bladed propeller plane will carry a reserve price of \$180,000, Internet auctioneer Lelands.com announced.

Bidding will begin online Nov. 10 and will conclude Dec. 2.

Kennedy, editor of George magazine, bought the plane in 1998 and sold it in May 1999 after buying the Piper Saratoga that crashed July 17, 1999, killing him, his wife Carolyn and his sister-in-law.

The plane's owner, who wants to remain anonymous, originally put it up for sale through another auction house in 2000 but did not find

#### Peppers harm workers

NC CONOVER — Workers un-loading a shipment at Laneventure Furniture complained of burning eyes, irritated skin, breathing difficulties and nausea.

Three were taken to the hospital, where emergency workers said the workers appeared to have been hit with pepper spray.

And in a way, they were. It turns out the culprit was hot chili pep-

The truck the men were unloading was used to haul a shipment of dried Chile de Arbol peppers from California to El Paso, Texas.

Residue from the peppers lay dormant in the truck's wooden floorboards while the furniture was loaded, but became agitated and airborne during the trip to the furniture distributor's Conover plant, said Dave Weldon, emergency services director for Catawba County.

Laneventure ordered pizza for everyone after the ordeal, said Art Thompson, Laneventure's presi-

"We told them to hold the chili peppers," he said.

#### Bus driver charged

NH BEDFORD — A former school bus driver has been charged with selling marijuana to a teenager who used to ride her

Police said Nancy Hatch, 40, of Manchester, was arrested in a sting after the student's parents found marijuana at their home in Redford

Police said a search of Hatch's apartment vielded a pound of mariiuana and \$400.

She was released on \$10,000 bail on charges of endangering the welfare of a child and possession and sale of illegal drugs.

Stories and photos from wire services

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| 9:00   | Jackie Chan Adventures  | (8:30) Movie * * * "Mrs.   | Jimmy Neutron  | Radio Free Roscoe  | Nightline  | MLB Baseball Teams to Be   | Clean House  | Radio Free Roscoe  |
| 9:30   | Kim Possible "Vir-Tu-Ron"<br>Teen Titans  | Doubtfire" (1993) Robin<br>Williams. An estranged dad  | All That Singer Craig Mack.<br>Lizzie McGuire "Bunkies"  | The Best Of "24/7 Spots"<br>Access Hollywood   | Army Newswatch<br>Hardball With Chris Matthews   | Announced.   | BBQ With Bobby Flay  | The Best Of "24/7 Spots" Access Hollywood  |
| 10:00<br>10:30   | Teenage Mutant Ninja Turt.  | poses as a nanny to be with his<br>children.   | Switched! "Matt and Miko"  | Access Hollywood   | Hardball With Chris Matthews   |  | \$40-a-Day   | Access Hollywood   |
| 11:00  | Dragonball GT   | Movie ** * "Roxanne"<br>(1987, Comedy) Steve Martin,   | Focus on the Force   | Headline News  | Dateline NBC   | 1  | Relatively Famous  | Headline News  |
| 11:30<br>12:00   | X-Men: Evolution<br>Teen Kids News (EI)   | Daryl Hannah, Rick Rossovich.  | The Best Of "24/7 Spots"<br>Access Hollywood   | ESPNews<br>My Wife and Kids  | The O'Reilly Factor  | SportsCenter   | The Ultimate Hollywood   | ESPNews<br>My Wife and Kids  |
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| 13:00  | Endurance A new twist. (EI)<br>Scout's Safari (EI)  | Kyra Sedgwick. A small-town  | WWE Raw  | CSI: Miami "The Best Defense"  | CNN Saturday Morning   | MLB Baseball Teams to Be<br>Announced.   | Intimate Portrait "Pam Grier"  | CSI: Miami "The Best Defense"  |
| 14:00  | Animal Kidding  | mechanic is gifted with amazing<br>mental powers.  | My Wife and Kids   | Law & Order: Special Victims<br>Unit "Coerced"   | 20/20  | 1  | Antiques Roadshow "Seattle,<br>Washington" (Part 3 of 3)   | Law & Order: Special Victims<br>Unit "Coerced"   |
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| 17:00  | Hey Arnold!   | death. Movie *** "Double Jeop-   | Headline News  | Kickin' It Latest in music and   | Wall Street Journal Report   | College dailleday  | Fear Factor  | Kickin' It Latest in music and   |
| 17:30  | Rocket Power  | ardy" (1999) Tommy Lee<br>Jones. A woman plots revenge   | Navy/Marine Corps News<br>SnortsCenter   | trends.  College Football North Caroli-  | America's Black Forum<br>News From CNN   | College Football Teams to Be   | What Not to Wear "Ellen" A   | trends.  College Football North Caroli-  |
| 18:00  | SpongeBob SquarePants<br>Rugrats  | after she is framed for a mur-<br>der.   | Sportscenter   | na State at Virginia Tech. (Live)  | News From CNN  | Announced. (Live)  | newly-thin fitness-instructor.   | na State at Virginia Tech. (Live)  |
| 19:00  | Movie "Motocrossed" (2001,<br>Adventure) Alana Austin, Mary-  | Movie * * * "Changing<br>Lanes" (2002, Drama) Ben Af-  | MLB Baseball Regional Cover-<br>age Chicago Cubs at New  |  | Dateline NBC   | 1  | Trading Spaces   |  |
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| 21:00  | George O'Hanlon, Mel Blanc.   | Movie *** "Crimson Tide"<br>(1995) Denzel Washington.  |  | ESPNews  | 20/20  | College Football Teams to Be   | Strong Medicine "Degenera-<br>tion"  | ESPNews  |
| 22:00  | My So-Called Life "Father Fig-  | Submarine officers clash over<br>orders to launch their nukes.   | College Football Teams to Be<br>Announced. (Live)  | MLB Baseball: Regional Cov-<br>erage Dodgers at Giants or  | FOX News   | Announced. (Live)  | Friends  | MLB Baseball: Regional Cov-<br>erage Dodgers at Giants or  |
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| 1:00   | Movie "Motocrossed" (2001,<br>Adventure) Alana Austin, Marv-  | Movie *** "Diamonds Are<br>Forever" (1971) Sean Con-   | Saturday Night Live  | College Football Teams to Be<br>Announced. (Live)  | The Capital Gang   | NASCAR Racing Busch Series<br>Stacker 200. From Dover In-  | Trading Spaces   | College Football Teams to Be<br>Announced, (Live)  |
| 1:30   | Margaret Humes.   | nery, Jill St. John. James Bond  |  | Allicancea. (Live)   | Washington Week in Review  | ternational Speedway in Dover,   | Crossing Jordan  | Allibuliceu. (Live)  |
| 2:30   | Movie ** "Jetsons: The<br>Movie" (1990) Voices of   | battles a space-crazy villain.   | Kickin' It Latest in music and<br>trends   |  | Headline News  | Del. (Taped)   | _  |  |
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|  |   | Lanes" (2002, Drama) Ben Af-   | The Entertainers   |  | 1 -  | ESPNews  | tion"  |  |
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ou might call actor Aaron Eckhart a dragon slayer. At least that's how he characterizes acting. 'Good acting is like a dragon," he says. You try to jump on the back of the dragon, and it always wants to knock you off. So you have to climb back and slay the dragon. Every time you act, it's like you're that kid trying to kill the monster, in a way

The guy who wooed Julia Roberts in "Erin Brockovich" and Gwyneth Paltrow in "Possession" got his real start as the venal woman-hater in "The Company of Men." It was this independent film — directed by his former Brigham Young University classmate. Neil LaBute — that armed him with his Excalibur and brought him to movies like "The Missing," "The Core"

and his latest, "Suspect Zero

In "Suspect Zero," Eckhart not only defeats the dragon, he slays the demons that bedevil his character, an FBI agent in earch of a mysterious serial killer. When he becomes the target of a maniacal adversary, it takes more than FBI protocol to determine just who is the prey

Eckhart, who lived in northern California most of his life, left home the day he graduated for the Great White Way. His first paying gig was as part of the back ground in a beer commer cial. But it earned enough in residuals to keep him going for four and a half years. His girlfriend and his job as a waiter also helped support him. Al- independent film "The Company of Men." though he's good at most ev-

erything he tries, he said he was a terrible waiter at first "I didn't know what capers were. I had to make tuna tartare in front of these people. I didn't know anything about wine. I literally would have hot flashes before work. I would have nightmares. It was so tough, But I conquered that restaurant, and I became the head bartender, and I was good at the end.

"In college, I got a pretty good GPA. If I wanted it, I got straight A's. Like in acting, I can't see that there's any room for failure in that. A person can learn to act. I think I can teach anybody to act. It's how you approach it. Now

this is the big thing about life: First of all, anybody can do anything. We have everything inside of us to do everything," he says

When Eckhart was 13, his family began traveling abroad because of his father's work in computer finance. He lived in England, Australia, France and Switzerland. The young est of three boys and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he was always good at sports from surfing to skiing to rugby.

Moving to England was a turning point in his life, he thinks. "I was in private school. The whole thing was absolutely mind-blowingly freaky. It was raining the whole time. It was gray — the streets, the people. These little cramped apartments. Come on, I was from California. I was starting to surf. I was going into the eighth grade. I was blond and wearing Vans and skateboarding. But then

we made friends from Sweden and Iran and all over the

"My older brother didn't go he staved in Santa Barbara and surfed - but my middle brother went. I went to Australia by myself with my parents and then I went to France and Switzerland by myself. I feel I have a better understanding of America [because I] lived abroad.

"The Company of Men" not only ignited Eckhart's career, it elicited strange reactions from women, "Women sort of liked that. Some women got turned on by it. I did have encounters with girls I wanted to go out with who wouldn't go out with me because they remembered me from that film They would have a visceral reaction to me when they first

met me, and I would have to get over that," he says Next up for Eckhart, 36, is a film called "Never Was" to be shot in Canada, with Nick Nolte, Jessica Lange, Ian McKellen, Brittany Murphy and

Alan Cumming. "I'm always scared I can't do it," he admits. "I'm always scared I'm going to ruin the movie. But in this business, you don't have a choice. Once I say I'm doing it, I have to do it, and I have to bring myself up to the challenge, I know Nick Nolte's going to be great. I know Jessica Lange's going to be great. Ian McKellen's going to be great. So what

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choice do I have? I gotta be good

Before Aaron Eckhart's roles in well-known films, such as

"The Core," he debuted as the venal woman-hater in the

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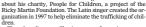
A chance to see and be seen with Leonardo DiCaprio in Los Angeles. Or eat clam chowder with Ben Affleck in Boston. Or dine with Ricky Martin in Miami. These aren't necessarily fantasies for those with deep, charitable pock-

These celebs - as well as Sarah Jessica Parker and

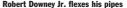
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The winning bidder can bring seven friends to the dinner, each of which will be created well-known chef and topped off by a new truffle from Godiya. For the hosting celebrities, the pressure to

entertain their guests is clear. Martin was interested in talking



The other dinners will raise money for various causes including the prevention of global warming and UNICEF.



Robert Downey Jr. is moving from the big screen to the

The "Gothika" and "Chanlin" star has signed an exclusive recording contract with the Sony Classical lahel

"Robert is a brilliantly gifted songwriter who writes lyrics that are wise and moving," Sony Classical President Peter Gelb said Wednesday. "His burnished, smoky voice is an expressive and touching medium

for the songs that he has written." Downey's debut CD, not yet titled, will include two covers — "Smile" by Charlie Chaplin and "Your Move"



by Yes — and eight pop ballads written, sung and played on the piano by the actor. Hilton not looking for 'looks'

Paris Hilton says "looks don't matter anymore" when it comes to her dating preferences.

Hilton told "Access Hollywood" that in her search for Mr. Right, she'd rather have someone with a good heart. "It's all about how nice they are. At this point, I want to find a guy who's right for me. I want someone who's going to treat me well and love me

Hilton, who broke up with Backstreet Boy Nick Carter this summer, starred in two seasons of the Fox reality show "The Simple Life." cently published a memoir, "Confessions of an Heiress: A Tongue-in-Chic Peek Behind the Pose," and launched a jewelry collec-

"I'd rather have someone with a good heart than some good-looking diot with no brain, because looks fade and I know that. I know that I'm not going to be good-looking forever," she said. "No one

is, so it doesn't matter.



#### Musicians join forces for benefit album

#### Paul McCartney, Eric Clapton, Sting and U2 are joinng forces on a benefit album for Burmese democracy ac-

tivist Aung San Suu Kyi. R.E.M., Avril Lavigne, Coldplay and Travis are also

contributing to a 27-track CD, "For the Lady: Dedicated to Freeing Aung San Suu Kyi. Proceeds from the CD will go to the U.S. Campaign for

Burma, it was announced Tuesday. Suu Kyi, the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize winner and leader

of the National League for Democracy opposition party, has spent most of the past 14 years under house arrest. The military junta in her country, also called Myanmar,

has tolerated little dissent since taking power after crushing a 1988 pro-democracy demonstration. The junta reed to hand over power or convene parliament after Suu Kyi's party won 1990 elections.

The album will feature a U2 song, "Walk On," which is dedicated to Suu Kyi and has been banned in Myanmar. ries and photos from The Associated Press

### **Horoscope**

If you've got something to rant about, you'd better to get it out now or forever hold your peace. Tomorrow, aggressive Mars enters diplomatic Libra, where it will traverse until Nov. 11 This transit has the effect of putting an angry person in a pink room — who can stay angry in a pink room? A calming, pacifying energy takes hold.

#### TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (September 25). An exciting year lies ahead for

vou, one full of optimism. opportunity and well-de served recognition. In typical Libra fashion, you take it all in stride, never letting your good fortune go to your head or forgetting the little people who knew you when. Your charisma draws lovers and friends to your side like moths to a flame. Love signs are Cancer and

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19). When the captain says, "Who will go?" you don't hesitate to put up your hand and say, "I will!" You're eager to taste life in all its fullness. which means charging forward when others around you are running

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be sizing up the competition, and it actually inspires you when you find out that you're up against some tough cookies. Don't feel you've got to sprint ahead to win Your usual cool, steady stride will

#### get you there in style. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Possibly nobody is hearing what you've got to say. But as long as people are doing what you want them to do, what does it matter? You'll rely more on your intuitive knowledge than semantics. Choose

#### your company well tonight CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Sometimes, you just have to put the cart before the horse - like when there's a sale on carts, for instance. Go ahead, and act on faith. You'll find your "horse" in no time and then be able to get everything in the proper order again.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's no holding you back now, when everything you touch turns to gold. You wow them at work with a brilliant proposal and still have the stamina to go out partying at night. Needless to say, you turn heads wherever you go.

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Someone in your life isn't pulling his or her own weight. Now's a good

Joyce Jillson

time to take stock of your friends and business associates. If someone else's problems are dragging you down, it's time to think about cutting hait

### LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). Some people are there to take care of you, and some people are there to take what they can get. Your job is to tell the difference and do what's right for

vou. Activities you do on a whim lead to fortuitous meetings.

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Something from your past resurfaces. It could be a problem you thought you'd seen the last of, an old love you hoped to be reunited with, or something as mundane as a lost earring that turns up between the sofa cushions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Hard work over the past couple of weeks - not to mention schmoozing with all the right people — could pay off in a big way. Go ahead and indulge yourself with a little reward. Loved ones spoil you rotten tonight

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Even the most obsessive of workaholics needs to have a little fun every now and then. If single, drag vourself away from your desk and hook up with your friends. You can learn a lot from their carefree style.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Membership has its privileges, and you'll enjoy a few of those. You'll be

happy you put forth the effort required to be part of a group. Be frank with neonle you don't know well. White lies will come back to haunt vou. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Breathe a sigh of relief because your load gets a little lighter and your mood gets a lot brighter. Enjoy the fresh sense of creativity and mental stimulation that the stars bring you. Take time out with friends and loved ones

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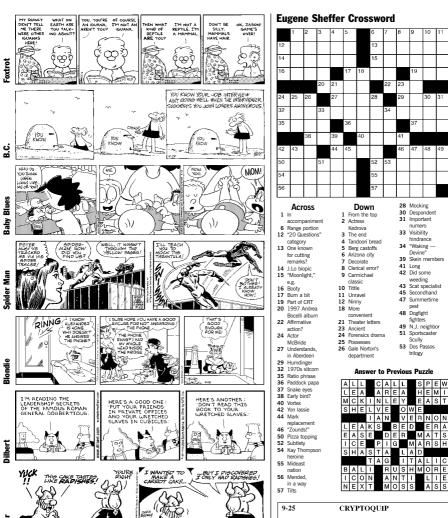








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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals R

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## **Husband acting like third child**

Dear Abby: "Brad" and I have been together for 12 years. We have two beautiful children under the age of 10, but Brad

refuses to get involved with them He will play with the younger one maybe 20 minutes a week The older one gets even less attention. Brad refuses to take them anywhere to play — unless there is something in it for him. When they are with their dad, they are stuck in front of a television set or left to play by them-

It's up to me to entertain the children, and that leaves me with little time alone

I don't understand it Brad had a happy child-hood filled with lots of love, atten tion, family activities, etc. We both work full time and have a nice home. I have talked to him about this problem, but like everything else, if it's not important to him it's not important

- Needs Insight in New York Dear Needs: You have described

a man who has turned selfish ness into an art form. It appears your life partner received so much love and attention as a child that he never learned it was necessary to give to others. In a sense, he has never grown up. Your children have my sympathy, because they

Dear Abby

deserve better Brad is not likely to change, so it's time to look elsewhere for a father figure for your children. Is there an uncle, cousin or grand-father who could spend time with them — take them to the movies sporting events or show an interest? You, too, have my sympathy because it appears you

have not two, but three "children" on your hands.

Dear Abby: I went to wake up my 14-year-old daughter today and discovered her sleeping in the nude. Apparently she has been doing it for some time. Normally she is good about getting up, and I haven't needed to

When I asked her why she does it, she said it's more comfortable

and she sleeps better.
When I told her I was not comfortable with it, she asked me why, and frankly I could not come up with a good reason other than it seemed "wrong She questioned how it could be wrong if no one knows - unless they walk into her room without knocking (as I did). She keeps a long robe next to the bed so she can put it on in case of emergen-

I am still not comfortable with it, but we agreed to abide by your advice

Worried Mom in San Leandro Dear Worried Mom: There is

nothing inherently wrong with sleeping in the nude. Many peo ple do so because they sleep more comfortably that way. Look at the bright side — it makes for smaller loads of laundry.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

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## **Generosity must have some limits**

Dear Annie: My spouse and I feel very fortunate to be financially well off, and we often make contributions to organizations whose goals we support.

In the last couple of years, we have made some friends in the community who are down on their luck, and we have tried to help them

(We bought one dis-abled gentleman a space heater and a TV.) But we now find that some of these people have come to rely on us and call us first when they feel the pinch, even when they have family members who might help instead. This is starting to make us uncomfortable. These folks are dear to us and we don't want them to suffer but even though our resources are generous, they are not endless.

Any suggestions on how to let our friends know gently that the gravy train isn't going to stop at their station every time? Overstretched in Washington

State Dear Overstretched: You've



Annie's Mailbox

you are eager to lend a hand It's OK to direct them to local social services or say, "We wish we could help, but it's simply not possible this time." Better to do this time." Better to do this now than wait until vou are resentful and

been so generous and

Dear Annie: 1 am writing in response to "SOS in California," whose husband, "Eddie," refuses to quit smoking pot. She gave up her marijuana habit six weeks ago, and though I applaud her for it, why is she being so hard on her husband? She ought to know how he feels Her quitting doesn't mean she can force him to do the same

She should not give Eddie an ultimatum. It will only back him into a corner and make him defensive She should continue working on herself, attend Nar-Anon meetings, as you suggested, and let her life be an

example to him. If he is a great father and great husband, she should be thankful and stop acting so holier-than-thou

- Perturbed in Pensacola, Fla. Dear Perturbed: Many readers thought this woman should tolerate her husband's pot smoking until he was ready to quit on his own, and remarked that there is nothing worse than a reformed addict. That may be true, but the problem is more complicated because they have young chil-dren and she does not want their father to set this kind of example. She is afraid to wait until he is "ready" — since he gives no ndication of ever getting there We agree she cannot force him to auit, and she should give him every chance to do so on his own. But children imitate the behavior they see at home, and Eddie should understand the conse-

quences of his choices. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comeast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, cot Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

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Svetlana Kuznetsova (2), Russia, def. Gise-la Dulko (6), Argentina, 6-4, 6-2. Serena Williams (1), United States, def. Nadla Petrova (5), Russia, 6-2, 4-1, retired, Vera Zvonareva (4), Russia, def. Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, 6-2, 6-3.

#### Davis Cup

World Group playoffs
Australia 2, Morocco 0
Wayne Arthurs, Australia, def. Mounir El
Aarej, Morocco, 7-6 (6), 6-4, 6-3.
Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, def. Mehdi Tahiri, Morocco, 6-0, 6-2, 6-2

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Yardage: 6,979; Par: 72 (34-38)
Second round
Graeme McDowell, N. Ireland
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#### Golf

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#### Deals

#### Thursday's transactions

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NCAA—Granted South Carolina WR Tim

risby his eligibility to play football.

CLEVELAND STATE—Named Oties Epps
women's assistant basketball coach.

MICHIGAN STATE—Promoted Doug Wojcik to men's associate basketball coach.

MILLERSVILLE—Named Neil Barnes wrestling coach. RUTGERS—Signed Gary Waters, men's bas-ketball coach, to a two-year contract exten-sion through 2010.

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## **Puttering around with golf** might be hazardous for IOC

ink the dozen golfers on the U.S. Ryder Cup team looked dyspeptic last wee getting drummed by Europe? Just wait. The real fun could still be a few years off.

One day, those pampered souls and their putters

might have to face Fiji, mighty Fiji, in the Olympics. The soonest it could happen is the 2012 Games,

and that's only if the International Olympic Committee gets its way. You'd think taking junkets all the





time and handing out medals every four years not to mention taking one back occasionally would be tiring enough to keep the swells who run the IOC from hatching grand new plans

In another sign they haven't yet filled up all the working hours once devoted to taking bribes, the IOC on Wednesday notified the governing bodies of golf and four other sports that they made the short list for possi-

ble inclusion in 2012. It's hard to muster strong feelings about rugby, squash, karate and roller sports, but golf is a different matter. Like mountain climbing, choral singing, dumbell-swinging, still fishing and tug of war, it was once part of the Olympic roster. Golf was dropped following the 1904 St. Louis Games and there hasn't been much clamor for its return before now, other than some preliminary discussions in 1992, when the Atlanta power brokers who locked up the 1996 Summer Games dangled the possibility of playing matches at nearby Augusta National.

Golf certainly satisfies the most important criteria laid out for a sport to join the Olympics. It has an ever-growing number of participants and spectators around the globe, and the past dozen years have seen the emergence of world-class professionals in even the most far-flung corners.

But let's be clear about this: What makes golf considerably more attractive to the IOC and NBC is money, money and more money. Enough to line the pockets of most everybody in-

volved However the last time the subject came up most of the talent had too much money at stake and too lit-

tle time to voluntarily punch a two-week hole in their

schedules to represent their country free of charge.

Peter Dawson, secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, has already gone on record saying neither the PGA nor European Tour were thrilled by the idea. Small wonder. Like tennis, another proven moneymaker jammed into the Olympic schedule without much fanfare and even less return, it remains to be seen whether the public would buy into an Olympic golf tournament as a way of producing a true world champion.

The U.S. golfers, to be sure, won't march willingly in anybody's opening ceremony parade. The last time the subject was broached, the late Payne Stew. art, a veteran of Ryder Cup and several other interonal competitions, shook his head slowly and

"That might take some convincing," he said "Most everybody out here is used to playing for something

Anybody who heard all the whimpering that followed their latest humbling in the Ryder Cup was reminded of that. A dozen U.S. players are already committed to that event and the Presidents Cup in alternating years, and a few of the top-ranked golfers usually compete in the World and Dunhill Cups And the last thing the Olympics need is another set of disgruntled pros expressing that unhappiness by tearing through the minibars in some five-star hotel

Resides the idle rich already have enough to do in the Olympics. Even forgetting all the pros from moneyed sports like basketball, tennis and hockey, they've cornered the market on sailing and equestrian. And with figure skating, synchronized swimming and gymnastics already part of the Games, who needs another set of high-strung actors decked out in bad costumes?

IOC president Jacques Rogge repeatedly has said the roster is frozen at 28 sports, with around 10,500 athletes, and sports will be added only if others are dropped. By carving out a place for golf on the short list, the IOC told hopefuls such as bowling, water skiing, billiards, ballroom dancing, chess, bridge and surfing not to expect an invitation anytime soon

So golf has that going for it, at least. It's mind-boggling to think what could have happened if ballroom dancing went big-time and Don King horned in. Anybody for a "Last Tango in Paris"?

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eeking his fifth victory in his past six tournaments, world No. 1 Vijay Singh broke 70 for the 53rd time this year on Thursday.

## Singh hammers field in 84 Lumber Classic with a first-round 64



Ben Curtis, the 2003 British Open champion, started his second round with a 5-under par 31 on the front nine Friday, moving to 10-under for the tournament two shots ahead of Singh, who

started his round later on Friday. The way Singh is playing these days, that's about the only way for the rest of the PGA Tour to get a jump on him

Curtis was three back following an opening round 5-under 6 then went birdie-birdie to start the second round at the Nemacolin Woodlands Resort, a mountaintop resort with so many amenities that some players joked they almost didn't want to leave their

Curtis has missed the cut in his past five tournaments since finishing 30th in the U.S. Onen and hasn't placed higher than eighth in 17 events this year.

luxurious rooms.

His front-side 31 included five birdies and matched Singh's opening round Thursday, when the world's No. 1-ranked player got off to a fast start in pursuit of a fifth championship in the past six tournaments he has entered Kent Jones was also making a

following ing-round 69 with a 4-under 32 on the front nine to close to within one shot of Singh

About one-fifth of the field finished a fog-delayed first round Friday morning before moving on to the second round, which was being played under sunny skies on an unusually warm late September day in southwestern Pennsylvania. A daytime high of 85 degrees was forecast.

During the first round, it was a a case of different tournament. different course, same old song -

or, make that, the same old Singh. Singh said he was nearly perfect during an 8-under 64 Thursday that left him three ahead of the field. It was difficult to argue Singh had an eagle and six bird-



ies in a bogev-free round that was his 53rd of the year in the 60s. It also was his fourth round of 65 or lower in five tournaments, beginning with his victory last month in the PGA Championship

#### Montgomerie misses cut in European Tour event

WOBURN, England - Five days after making the putt that won the Ryder Cup, Colin Montgomerie missed the cut in a European PGA tour event Friday.

Montgomerie shot a sec-ond-round 5-over 77 in The Heritage and finished three strokes outside the cut line

Graeme McDowell, who shot 4-under 68, and Phillip Price, who carded 67, shared the lead at 9-under after 36 holes.

Swedes Patrik Sjoland and Henrik Stenson were one stroke out of the lead after rounds of 68 and 67. Montgomerie never recovered

from a double-bogey 7 on his first hole, the 10th. He also bogeyed the 14th and 16th. After a birdie on No. 18, he double-bogeyed the 136-yard second hole when his tee shot flew over the green. Two

bogeys and two birdies followed. "I came here to try and get into the top five to qualify for next week's Amex Championship in Ireland." Montgomerie said. "I didn't do it and now I have a week off. It's probably a blessing in dis-

#### Kim's 64 leads LPGA's **Longs Drugs Challenge**

AUBURN, Calif. — Christina Kim shot a 7-under 64 on Thursday and held a one-stroke lead over Rachel Teske after the first round of the LPGA Longs Drugs

Kim didn't have a bogey on an almost windless day at The Ridge Golf Club, a 6,235-yard layout that is a new venue for the nine-vear-old tournament.

Kim was two strokes ahead of Juli Inkster, a two-time winner of this tournament, Beth Bauer, Miriam Nagl and Michelle Estill

## Stalled talks prolong NHL lockout

BY IRA PODELL The Associated Press

NEW YORK - It's been a week without progress in the NHL lockout. So far, there have been no overtures from the league or the players to resume talks to save a season that is already starting to slip away.

Not since the players' association made a proposal on Sept. 9 have the sides been in contact, much less sat down at a negotiating table. The final six days of the old collective bargaining agreement passed with no movement, and commissioner Gary Bettman imposed the lockout when the deal expired Sept. 15

Training camps were supposed to open the next day - but didn't. And ever since, NHL teams have been calling off preseason games and the opening few games of the regular season. scheduled to start Oct. 13.

It's the third time an NHL season has been interrupted by a labor dispute; this might end up being a longer lockout than the one that lasted 103 days and cut the 1994-95 season to 48 games.

"I would hope that at some point they would view it as in their court to reach out and call us and get something going again." said Bill Daly, the NHL's chief legal officer.

Clubs have been given permission to release previously booked dates for games on a 30-day rolling basis. So every day that pass will knock another possible playing date off the calendar

The only talking that's taken place recently involved media interviews

Both Daly and NHLPA senior director Ted Saskin appeared on U.S. and Canadian telecasts of the final game of the World Cup last week in Toronto. They shared the same cramped broadcast booths and stated their cases, but left without direct discussion.

"As I see it, the last proposal was made by us, so I'm not quite clear why the ball is in our court," town-meeting telecast on Canadian television Tuesday. NHLPA executive director Bob Goodenow presented the union's position in a similar format Wednesday, But neither side seems ready to make another offer. Already, more than 100 employees from the NHL's central staff of about 225 have lost their jobs.

"I feel for the people who work in the buildings, and the effect it has on the economy in a lot of places," Hall of Fame coach Scotty Bowman told The Canadian Press. "It's going to have quite a trickle-down effect on a lot of peonle's lives and that's the most un-

The NHLPA turned away six proposals by the league during the summer, rejecting them or the basis that each contained a salarv-cap structure - a notion the league disputed. That was followed by the union's luxury-tax offer that was quickly dismissed.

fortunate aspect.'

There's no real consensus on how to find the common ground,"

## J. Gordon counting every point in chase for fifth championship

The Associated Press

DOVER, Del. - With four drivers separated by 10 points in the Nextel Cup standings, Jeff Gordon knows the best way to win the championship is to be obsessed with gaining even the slightest advantage.

He wants to qualify well, get a favorable pit stall and lead as many lans as nossible. Those factors are always a key to success, but they seem even more impor tant under the new system that reset the top 10 cars only 45 points apart for the final 10 races of the season.

Attention to detail is nothing new for the four-time NASCAR champion. So, he says Sunday's Dover International at Speedway actually begins with qualifying Friday, when he'll try to extend his series lead in poles with a seventh.

"The obvious advantage is less traffic to deal with and track position," Gordon said. "Because pit lane is so narrow and small at Dover, it seems we fight harder for track position."

Gordon has made great use of that. The key to maintaining it is getting in and out of the pits quick-ly. The outcome of qualifying determines the selection order of pit

"That's a big advantage," Gordon, a four-time Dover winner, said. "You can choose one that has an opening either in front of it

The MBNA America 400 will



much more than a top starting stop and a faster time on pit road. Gordon has a series-best 130 bonus points hecause he has led so

often this sea-

son. "Every weekend, if I have the opportunity to lead a lap, then I lead a lap," he said. "If I can lead the most laps, I try to lead the

most laps. If I can win the race, I try to win the race.
"I don't know how you can ap-

proach it any differently Kurt Busch, the co-leader of the championship, would like to lead the last lap something he's

never done on The Monster Mile. That's a surprise, because no driver is better at Bristol Motor Speedway, the only other high-banked concrete oval on the NASCAR circuit Busch has three victories in his last four starts on the half-mile at Bristol, but is win less in eight races at Dover

"Our success at Bristol hasn't translated," said Busch, who won a truck race here four years ago That came two days before his debut in NASCAR's top series.

"We qualified well at 10th place, and went on to finish 18th was a solid way to kick off our Cup series efforts," Busch

With five subsequent top-10 fin-

Company withholds Armstrong bonus

tive here. But he has not come close to winning

If he does, Busch will have a second straight victory in just the second race of NASCAR's inaugural top-10 showdown.

Busch won last Sunday in New Hampshire, and came here tied with Dale Earnhardt Jr. for the points lead with nine races re-

If Busch wants a lesson on how to win here, Roush Racing teammate Mark Martin provides the best example. No one on the cir-

cuit has won more races at Dover But the teammate concept isn't very strong this fall, because Martin also is part of the top-10. He's seventh in the standings as he continues the quest for his first championship in his 18th season.

Martin won here in June getting his fourth Dover victory. He also has five second-place finishes on the track

"Dover is a great race track nd it may even be my favorite, Martin said. "There are six tracks of the nine left that we really feel like we should run strong at and Dover is the first of those

Gordon is third in the standings a point in front of reigning series champion Matt Kenseth and nine behind Busch and Earnhardt, who's looking to win for the second time at Dover. Earnhardt knows he was lucky to finish third

We weren't very good," he "But somehow we avoided all the wrecks."

## Departures, change leave field wide open

Qualifying tournaments phased out as all schools advance to European tournament

BY RUSTY BRYAN Stars and Stripes

This year's high school volleyball race is wide open.

First, the players who dominated in the past - London Central's Nicole Lassetter, Hohenfels' Danielle Green and Bitburg's Nadia Parker — have departed.

"We look on it as an opportunity to have others step up," said London Cen-DODDS tral coach

Susan Payne, whose went unbeaten on its way to the European Division III

crown last season behind Lasset-"We're focused on this sea-

Perhaps the biggest change this year will be that all schools will advance to the European tournament. Last year, Division III schools held regional qualifying tournaments to determine who got berths to the final tourna-

This year's tournament will be held Nov. 4-5 in Kaiserslautern and Ramstein, Germany.

The change might have a big impact on 2003 European Division III runner-up Aviano, which takes a 56-game league winning streak into Saturday's opener, at home against Vicenza Livorno and Milan. Aviano and rival Naples will compete in Division II in the Europeans this year Coach Pam Hillestad is count-

ing on returning stars AuBree Mariz, an 2003 All-Europe setter, and second-team 2003 All-Europe outside hitter Ashlev Mead. MVP of last year's Mediterranean Regional tournament, to keep the string going.

The elevation of Aviano and Naples came as something of a relief to at least one rival coach.

"This will be the end-of-season tournament I have participated in that did not in clude Naples and Aviano," said Sigonella coach Shawn McCarthy, who in the past has found his road to the Europeans blocked by those two perennial powers Though I have a tremendous amount of respect for Aviano, I will be looking forward to the prospect of meeting a team other than Aviano in the semifinals."

If his Jaguars make the small schools semis, McCarthy said, it'll be largely because of setter Whitney Lynch and hitter Liz Lally, who is a senior transfer from Japan.

Also powerful in Division III will be Alconbury, which returns seven or eight starters from last vear's III-North regional runners-up: Hohenfels, led by seniors Tiara Walz and Sommer Crean and junior Vanessa Velez and senior-laden Brussels, which will lean on setter and captain Nicole Herway, Chelsea Blandford, Clarissa Bottesini, Becky Wilson and newcomer Exner, according to coach Moni

Among the big schools, Rich Bennett's Division I champion

ca Mariano.



MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

Heather Campbell, who played for Division II champion SHAPE last season, has transferred and will play for defending Division I champion Heidelberg this season. Heidelberg Lady Lions graduat-

ed seven players in June, but is regrouping around All-Europe hit-ter Natasha Holan, a junior, and senior setter Jessica Also on the squad this year is transfer Heather Campbell, who posted nine kills for Division II champion SHAPE in last season's European title game Bennett said his team doesn't

lack height - Holan is 5 feet 10, and Campbell and newcomer Jocelyn Barlow are 5-11. "One thing's for certain," Ben-

nett said. "We'll be spiking all the

Ramstein, under Shanon Bryant, also graduated seven players from last year's team, but will rely on four seniors — Katie Cordova, Victoria Apodaca, Heather Steele and Maiel Braden - to defend the Lady Royals' conference

Würzburg, under the direction of coach David Arthur, will count on Suzanne Hamilton, the last remaining member of the Lady Wolves' 2002 European championship team; while Wiesbaden's Candie Lopez returns four players — Bridy Ferguson, Juliet Wells, Renee Franklin and Jolene Jennings — to integrate with a transfer from South Korea, Melissa Powell, and another from Texas, Britany Harris.

Among the old Division II shools, Bitburg has 34 players out, including seniors Erica Winters Michelle Pineda Rachael Bolduc and Ashley Price; while Hanau's Susan Lloyd says her team gets strong net play from juniors Kyrie Bye-Nagel and Rachel Gordon. Patch coach Todd Taylor lost

six seniors from his Division II third-place team, but returns all-conference middle blocker Ehrin Hopkins, a 5-11 senior.

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DALLAS - The company that owes Lance Armstrong \$5 million for winning a record sixth straight Tour de France is withholding payment of the bonus, citing allegations in a French book that he used performance-enhancing drugs SCA Promotions points to dop

ing allegations contained in "L.A Confidential, the Secrets of Lance Armstrong," published in June by La Martiniere. Armstrong has denounced the book's claims as "absolutely untrue" and launched defamation lawsuits against the publisher and authors. Chris Compton, a lawyer for

SCA, said the company wants to see Armstrong's medical records before releasing the money. "We've requested [drug] test re-

sults to disprove the allegations - clean test results that should be easily attainable." Compton said Thursday. "We're not planning on releasing them to the media or doing anything other than verifying that they exist Armstrong's U.S. Postal Cy

cling Team filed suit this month in state court in Dallas, claiming the SCA didn't have the right to question Armstrong's Tour victoes, which were upheld by cycling authorities

The team, jointly owned and managed by Tailwind Sports and



Capital Sports and Entertainment, hopes to resolve the dispute through arbitration

After Armstrong's third Tour victory in 2001, Tailwind paid SCA a \$420,000 premium to insure the risk for his bonuses in future years would be met by SCA. SCA paid Armstrong \$1.5 million in 2002 and \$3 million in

#### Nuggets give Rodman a look in comeback attempt DENVER - Dennis Rodman is thinking about a comeback, and

the Denver Nuggets are giving The 43-year-old former NBA rebounding champion briefly partic-

ipated in a pickup game at the Nuggets facility earlier this week but had to cut short the workout because of an ingrown toenail. General Manager Kiki

Vandeweghe told Rodman he was welcome to return once the injury heals. Rodman's agent, Darren Prince, told The Denver Post that Rodman hopes to work out again with the Nuggets next week Rodman hasn't played in the

NBA since the 1999-00 season. Vandeweghe called Rodman's workout "informal."

#### Serena Williams, Sharapova advance in China Open BELJING - Top-seeded Sere-

Williams and Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova reached the China Open semifinals when their opponents had to stop playing because of ankle iniu-

Also advancing Friday with a quarterfinal victory was U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznets-ova. Vera Zvonareva or Anabel Medina Garrigues will complete

#### Hopkins-De La Hova fight draws million buys

NEW YORK - The middleweight title fight between Bernard Hopkins and Oscar De La Hoya was bought by 1 million seholds, HBO said Thursday.

The buys were the second most of any non-heavyweight fight and income from pay-per-view totaled \$56 million, the cable network said.

The number of buys, however didn't reach the expectations of promoter Bob Arum, who hoped to beat the 1.4 million buys of De 1999 fight against Felix Trinidad.

Hopkins stopped De La Hoya in the ninth round with a body shot to retain his undisputed mid-

## sidelined 2-4 weeks

BY JOSEPH WHITE

The Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. - Washington Redskins linebacker LaVar Arrington is expected to miss two to four weeks after a sudden flare-up forced him to have surgery on his right knee.

Arrington missed practice Thursday to repair torn cartilage in the knee that has been bothering the three-time Pro Bowl linebacker since the opening-week victory over Tampa Bay.

Arrington will be on crutches for a least a week.

'It's just one of those things that happens and you've got to take care of," coach Joe Gibbs

Meanwhile, quarterback Mark Brunell was a spectator again during practice because of a strained hamstring. Gibbs stopped short of declaring Patrick Ramsey the starter for Monday night's game against Dallas, but the coach said that would be his expectation "from what we know today."

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## Redskins' Arrington | Fast start, sloppy finish for Miami

Offensively challenged Canes build early 21-0 lead, but struggle at Houston

BY JOEL ANDERSON The Associated Press

HOUSTON - Tyrone Moss rushed for 148 yards and two touchdowns, Tavares Gooden recovered a blocked punt in the end zone for a score in the opening minute, and Baraka Atkins scored on a 52-yard fumble return in fourth-ranked Miami's listless 38-13 victory over Houston on Thursday night.

"There are some things we have to correct," Moss said. "I know nobody's going to have

their best game every week Miami (3-0) clearly didn't have its best game against Houston.

The Cougars (1-3) were playing their fourth game in 19 days and haven't beaten a ranked opponent in eight years

Miami guarterback Brock Berlin, who missed several open receivers and fumbled late in the first half to set un Houston's only touchdown, completed 13 of 23 passes for 99 yards and was sacked seven times, often because of his own poor decisions in

"We were a little shaky at times." Berlin said, "We didn't have a whole lot of success with the passing game."

Miami's defense also allowed its first touchdown of the season quarterback Kevin Kolb's 6-yard sprint into the end zone in final moments of the first half. The Cougars' sideline erupted in celebration, with a few players

tossing their helmets into the air. The Hurricanes had gone 11 quarters and an overtime without giving up an offensive touchdown.

Thought to be one of the favorites for a national title, Miami revealed plenty of flaws against a team that was a four-touchdown underdog and was without its leading rusher. The Hurricanes gave up 132 rushing yards and some big plays against Houston's inexperienced offensive line.

We wanted to show the country that we were a team that was



Miami defensive end Baraka Atkins returns a fumble 52 yards for a score Thursday night. The Canes' defense also gave up its first touchdown of the season.

not going to let another team come in here and walk all over us," said Houston defensive end Joe Clay, who had three sacks. Houston tailback Anthony

Evans, who rushed for 282 yards against Army last week, missed the game after straining his right calf during the pregame warmup. Predictably, Houston got off to a rough start without him.

The Cougars barely got their first play off on time, dropped a pass on the third play, committed a false-start penalty on the next and were nearly intercepted on third down. Gooden scored on An-thony Reddick's blocked punt on fourth down, 55 seconds into the

Frank Gore and Moss added a couple of short scoring runs to give Miami a 21-0 lead early in the second quarter. Gore, coming off his second major knee surgery in two years, had 8 yards on six carries and did not play after the first quarter.

The Hurricanes didn't score again on offense until Moss' 5-vard run with 3:46 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Miami left tackle Eric Winston said the Hurricanes simply got bored midway through the game.
"Lackluster is the word," Win-

ston said. "We got up early a couple of touchdowns and we just packed it in a little bit. We've got to learn to put people away.

Houston, which lost 63-13 at No. 2 Oklahoma two weeks ago, seemed to gain confidence as the game progressed.

"It took us about a quarter to calm down," Kolb said. "I was a little jittery in the beginning, but I calmed down and we started to click

Houston failed to score on many chances deep in Miami territory. The Cougars drove inside Miami's 20-yard line five times, and came away with Kolb's touchdown run and two field goals.

Rvan Gilbert, a transfer from LSU, proved to be an adequate replacement for Evans. He rushed for a career-high 84 yards on 26

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## Cardinals institute 'Vick rules

BY BOR BAUM The Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. - Arizona Cardinals coach Dennis Green throws out the conventional defensive playbook when he's preparing a team to face Michael Vick.

Instead, he said, he institutes "Michael Vick rules." What are they?

"I can't tell you that," Green said Thursday, "but I think they know we will have a special way of trying to deal with Michael

Before Vick, the last player to require those special rules, Green said, was Barry Sanders.

"If you don't have those [rules], you won't stop them," Green said.

Whatever the strategy, the Cardinals (0-2) will go into Sunday's game at Atlanta (2-0) with a defense that's been good at getting turnovers, but not so good at stop ping offenses, especially on the

#### NFL injury update

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lowed by team's prognosis for upcom-ing usm. B. Daylon McCutcheon (bro-ken finger) game-time decision; C8 An-tony Henry (concussion) game-time de-cout; OT Ryan Tucker (strained quadri-pos) out; DT Geard Warren (strained Chargers; QB Drew Brees (mild concus-sion) likely to play in James (strained Chargers; QB Drew Brees (mild concus-sion) likely to play in James (strained America) (ST Carlon (ST Ca

Arizona has six takeaways three fumbles and three interceptions - in losses at St. Louis and to New England. But the Cardinals have given up 825 yards in two games, 348 on the ground.

"We're showing flashes of what we can do as far as getting turnovers," defensive end Bertrand Berry said. "But I think, as a whole, we still have to shore up our run defense. That's the quickallow a team to run up and down on you and control the clock.'

The biggest problem, Berry said, has been missed tackles.

"We're allowing backs to get too many yards after contact, after that first hit," he said. Missed tackles are the norm

against the multitalented Vick, who rushed for 109 yards and completed 14 of 19 passes for 179 vards and a touchdown in last week's victory over St. Louis.

"He does it all, man," Arizona safety Adrian Wilson said. "He can pass. He can run. He can probably pass it to himself. You never know with that guy." Berry said the defense will

have to play with a controlled aggression.

The Cardinals aren't sure who will be in the backfield with Vick. Running back Warrick Dunn sprained his left knee against St. Louis and is questionable for Sunday's game. If Dunn can't play, T.J. Duckett will start.

## Clemson, Iowa feel the squeeze

### Tigers head into Bowden Bowl 1-2: vengeful Michigan awaits Hawkeyes

BY RALPH D. RUSSO The Associated Press

Clemson and Iowa face potential turning points less than a month into the season.

The Tigers head to Florida State with a two-game losing streak. Another loss could lead to a long season, while a second straight win over the Seminoles puts them back in the Atlantic Coast Conference title hunt The Hawkeyes travel to Michi-

having gan scored only 24



points in their past two games, including a startling 44-7 loss at Ar-

izona State. A third straight win over the Wolverines in the Big Ten opener would ease concerns in Iowa City.

The latest matchup between Clemson coach Tommy Bowden and his father, Bobby, has a famil-

Last year, the Tigers were slumping when they beat Florida State in Clemson, S.C. It was the vounger Bowden's first victory in five tries against his dad's team. and Clemson closed the season with three more victories.

Coming off a 27-6 loss to Texas A&M. the Tigers, who began the season ranked 15th, are in need of another turnaround.

"I don't know how this year's team is going to respond yet," Tommy Bowden said. "Last vear's team lost some early and bounced back and had success Right now I think most teams in college football are going to respond that way. Florida State lost their first game and responded well and came back and won. Bobby Bowden figures he'll be

facing a desperate Clemson "They got to have this one," the

elder Bowden said The Seminoles rebounded from yet another loss to Miami by easily taking care of UAB last week.



Texas A&M's Byron Jones, left, intercepts a pass intended for Clen son's Chansi Stuckey, middle, as Texas A&M's Jonte Buhl, right. helps defend during the Aggies' 26-7 victory Saturday in College Station, Texas. In three games, Clemson has nine turnovers and has converted only 28.6 percent of its third-down opportunities (12-for-42).

The last time the Hawkeves visited the Big House, they handed the Wolverines a 34-9 loss — Michigan's worst home defeat in 35 years.

We've got two in a row, and I'm sure they'll try to even the score, like Arizona State wanted to do," Iowa defensive end Matt Roth said. "That's the way it vorks, and we have to be ready

for that. As for Michigan, the Wolverines followed their loss to Notre Dame by barely getting by San Diego State at home.

The nicks BYU (plus 21½) at No. 21 Boise State (Friday): Broncos won 50-12 in Provo last season ...

BOISE STATE 50-12. Saturday

No. 1 Southern Cal (minus 22) at Stanford: Trojans have allowed two TDs in three games ... USC

Rice (plus 32) at No. 5 Texas: Owls have won five straight; they

haven't won six in a row since 1953-54 ... TEXAS 58-14. James Madison (no line) at No.

6 West Virginia: Dukes ranked No. 24 in Division I-AA ... WEST

> coach Kirk Ferentz will try to heat Michigan for the third straight year on Saturday. The Hawkeyes (2-1), ranked in the top 20 during the first three weeks of the season, are coming off a shocking 44-7 loss at Arizona State last week and a lacklus. ter 17-10 home victory over Iowa State

on Sept. 11.

Clemson (plus 171/2) at No. 8 Florida State: Tommy Bowden could be heading back to the hot seat ... FLORIDA STATE 27-14.

The Citadel (no line) at No. 9 Auburn: After LSU and before Tennessee, Tigers get a breather AUBURN 44-0.

Louisiana Tech (plus 231/2) at No. 11 Tennessee: Tech in middle of stretch that includes Miami Tennessee, Fresno State and Auburn ... TENNESSEE 40-10. Syracuse (plus 241/2) at No. 12

Virginia: Cavs have outscored op-47-14.

Mississippi State (plus 29) at No. 13 LSU: Bulldogs lost to I-AA Maine last week. ... LSU 45-10. Air Force (plus 20½) at No. 14 Utah: Utes QB Alex Smith for Heisman? ... UTAH 36-13. No. 15 Purdue (minus 20½) at

Illinois: First of three straight on road for Boilermakers ... PUR-DUE 46-20.

Kentucky (plus 19) at No. 16 Gators get Florida: back opponent ... FLORI-DA 39-7 Iowa (plus 13) at No. 18 Michi-

gan: Michigan has never lost three straight to Iowa ... MICHI-GAN 23-16 Northwestern (plus 15) at No.

19 Minnesota: Gophers No. 2 na tionally in rushing ... MINNESO-TA 40-21. Penn State (plus 3) at No. 20

Wisconsin: Badgers have won three of four against Nittany Lions ... PENN STATE 18-17. Oregon State (plus 7) at No. 22

Arizona State: Sun Devils QB An-drew Walter leads nation with 11 passes ... ARIZONA STATE

No. 23 Maryland (minus 17) at Duke: Unlike hoops, Terps domi-nate ACC rival on gridiron ... MARYLAND 38-17. No. 24 Louisville (minus 7) at North Carolina: Tar Heels' D had first INT in a year last week ...
LOUISVILLE 45-28.

Last week: 16-2 (straight); 11-6 (vs. points)

Season: 52-8 (straight); 30-25-1 (vs. points)

#### College football schedule/statistics

#### Weekend schedule

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| orthwestern     |       | 80  | 933  | 311.0 |
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| 91  | 550                               | 6.0   | 183.3   |  |
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| 59  | 508                               | 8.6   | 169.3   |  |
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| Rodgers, Cal        | 42  | 31 | 474   | 3  | 192. |
| Smith, Utah         | 63  | 42 | 692   | 6  | 190. |
| Cupito, Minnesota   | 55  | 32 | 627   | 5  | 183. |
| White, Oklahoma     | 72  | 52 | 708   | 6  | 179. |
| .eak, Florida       | 56  | 38 | 530   | 6  | 179  |
| efors, Louvisville  | 38  | 26 | 409   | 2  | 170. |
| lagans, Virginia    | 59  | 43 | 568   | 3  | 167. |
| Marshall, W.Va.     | 53  | 30 | 500   | 6  | 165. |
| Croyle, Alabama     | 66  | 44 | 534   | 6  | 164. |
| Ainge, Tennessee    | 41  | 26 | 310   | 5  | 162. |
| lones, Arkansas     | 71  | 44 | 716   | 5  | 161. |
| Noce, Arkansas St.  | 84  | 57 | 805   | 6  | 160. |
| Gradkowsk, Toledo   | 85  | 56 | 755   | 6  | 159. |
| Walter, Arizona St. | 116 | 68 | 961   | 11 | 157  |
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#### **Division I-A receiving**

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## **Berkman's blast saves Astros and Dodgers**

SAN FRANCISCO - With one swing of the bat, Lance Berkman revived the Houston Astros' playoff hopes - and gave the Los Angeles Dodgers a much-needed reprieve

Berkman hit a three-run homer off Dustin Hermanson, highlighting a five-run ninth inning that sent Houston to a 7-3 victory over San Francisco on Thursday night. A loss would have put the Astros four games behind the Giants in the NL wild-card race. Instead, they remained 21/2 games behind the Chicago Cubs, who beat Pittsburgh 6-3 and took a half-game lead over San Francisco.

"This has been crazy," Berk-man said. "It seems like every time we're on the brink of destruction or elimination, something crazy happens."

The Giants dropped 1½ games behind the NL West-leading Dodgers.

Los Angeles, which starts a three-game series in San Francisco on Friday night, beat San Diego 9-6

The Astros trailed 3-2 when Carlos Beltran and Jeff Bagwell

opened the ninth with singles Bagwell's dribbler took an inexplicable 90-degree turn to stay fair down the third-base line. Berkman followed with his 29th homer, which hung high in the air before barely reaching the first row of seats in the elevated ar-

cade on the right-field wall. The Giants quickly came unglued after that. Hermanson (6-7) and manager Felipe Alou were eiected when the reliever hit Jeff Kent with the next pitch

"I'm not going to say anything about it," Hermanson said. "I just didn't do my job tonight. I was going for a ground ball with Berk-The ball was down and in, and he golfed it out.

The Astros added two more in the ninth on Jason Lane's RBI single and Raul Chavez's sacrifice

Dan Miceli (6-6) got one out in the eighth to get the victory. Both clubs were warned after benches cleared in the third, when rookie Brandon Backe nearly hit Barry Bonds with a low ries for the first time since 1985

"We've got no beef with Barry Bonds," Houston manager Phil Garner said. "We've got absolute-ly no reason to hit anybody on that ballclub.'

Dodgers 9, Padres 6: Cesar Izturis homered and Adrian Beltre had three hits for visiting Los Angeles. The Dodgers knocked out Brian Lawrence (15-13) after four innings and went up 7-0 in

Rookie Yhency Brazoban (3-0) pitched two scoreless innings in relief before giving way to Eric Gagne, who pitched a perfect eighth before allowing two runs in the ninth. He held on for his 43rd save in 45 chances.

Cubs 6, Pirates 3: Greg Maddux reached 15 victories for a record 17th consecutive season as Chicago regained the wild-card lead.

Madduy (15-10) also hit a two-run single in a four-run secinning. LaTroy Hawkins pitched a perfect ninth for his 22nd save in 30 chances

Cardinals 4, Brewers 2: Visite ing St. Louis reached 100 victo-

and the seventh time in franchise history. Yadier Molina hit his first major league home run in the eighth off Matt Wise (1-2) to break a 2-2 tie Hector Luna fol-

lowed with his third homer of the Cal Eldred (4-2) won it in relief and Jason Isringhausen pitched the ninth for his league-leading 45th save in 52 chances, completing a four-hitter.

Reds 3, Braves 2: Gabe White earned his first save in over four years as visiting Cincinnati prevented Atlanta from clinching its 13th consecutive division title. The Braves' magic number in the NL East was reduced to one when Philadelphia beat Florida

With one out in the ninth and the Reds ahead 3-1. White came on with the bases loaded. Chipper Jones hit a sacrifice fly to make it 3-2 but Johnny Estrada popped to second. It was White's first save since September 1, 2000.

Phillies 9, Marlins 8 (10): Jimmy Rollins homered off Armando Benitez (2-2) in the 10th inning for visiting Philadelphia. Billy Wagner (4-0), who gave

up the tying run in the ninth, got the win. Todd Jones got three outs for his second save

Philadelphia's Jim Thome hit a three-run home run in the fifth his 42nd.

Rockies 7-2, Diamondbacks 1-1: Jeromy Burnitz drove in the winning run with a bloop single in the 10th to complete host Colo-rado's sweep. Todd Helton dou-bled to right to start the 10th against Randy Choate (2-4), who then walked Vinny Castilla intentionally. Burnitz followed with a single in front of left fielder Andy Green.

In the opener, Jeff Francis (3-2) gave up one run and seven hits and matched a career high by striking out eight.

Mets 4, Expos 2: Tom Glavine (10-13) won for just the third time since mid-June and Gerald Williams and Victor Diaz homered for visiting New York. Braden Looper pitched the ninth for his 27th save in 32 chances. Brad Wilkerson went 3-for-4

with two homers for Montreal. Tomo Ohka (3-6) made his first start since breaking his forearm June 10. He allowed eight hits and four runs in five innings.

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## Washington likely pick as new home for Expos

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Major league baseball will try to complete negotiations within a week to move the Montreal Expos to Washington next year.

Baseball's executive council met for three hours Thursday in Milwaukee at the offices of baseball commissioner Bud Selig and heard a presentation from the relocation committee. While no formal recommendation was made. the preference of the committee for the downtown Washington group was evident, a high-ranking baseball official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Selig told the council he would move forward to conclude a deal as quickly as possible, the base hall official said and left a clear impression with the council members that it would be with the group from the nation's capital, which has been competing with a rival offer from Northern Virgin-

Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos, a member of the eight-owner council, reiterated during the meeting that he opposes having a team relocate to downtown Washington about 40 miles from Baltimore's Camden Yards ballpark, saying it would take away fans and revenue from his franchise.

Angelos was supported during the meeting by New York Mets owner Fred Wilpon and San Francisco Giants owner Peter Magowan the official said.

Baseball officials will press ahead with talks with the Washington group and Angelos, the official said. The move would be the first in the major leagues since the expansion Washington Senators became the Texas Rangers after the 1971 season.

Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, said the meeting was amicable

Peter Angelos has made his riews known with regard to the effect that he believes a team in the D.C. area will have on the Baltimore Orioles and he articulated those views," DuPuy said.

"Mr. Angelos' concerns, which are shared by the commissioner and have been all along, have always been a serious issue.

Angelos was not available for comment. DuPuy hopes to have a decision by the end of the regular season on Oct. 3.

"I think we're all running out of time," he said.

The Expos were bought by the other 29 teams before the 2002 season. After the relocation decision, baseball plans to start the talks to sell the club, which started play in 1969.

Northern Virginia proposed building a stadium in Loudoun County near Dulles International Airport, about 60 miles from Camden Yards

Mark Tuohey, chairman of the D.C. Sports and Entertainment Commission, said legislation must be introduced by Oct. 1 for the proposed \$13 million renovation of RFK Stadium in order for funding to become law by Dec. 31, when the terms expire for several City Council members who support a Washington baseball team. The legislation would include financing for a ballpark

costing slightly more than \$400 Under Washington's plan, the Expos would play in RFK Stadium for three seasons before moving to a new ballpark.

million, he said.

#### Major League Baseball scoreboard

| American League   | Orioles 9, Red Sox 7   | Friday's games Philadelphia at Montreal Cincinnati at Pittsburgh Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets Florida at Atlanta Houston at Milwaukee St. Louis at Colorado   | E—Terrero (6). DP—Arizona 2, Colorado 1.<br>LOB—Arizona 7, Colorado 9, 28—Burnitz (28),<br>Piedra (6). HR—Hammock (3). SB—Terrero<br>(10). S—Francis.  | Reds 3, Braves 2   |
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| DP-Texas 1. LOB-Oakland 7, Texas 11.<br>2B-Hatteberg (30), EYoung (23), MYoung 2  |  | NPerez ss 0 1 0 0 TAlvrz cf 0 0 0 0 0 Grdzin 2b 4 1 2 2 CWilsn rf 4 1 1 2 Bako c 3 1 1 1 ANunez 2b 4 0 1 0   | Ohka L, 3-6 5 8 4 4 0 1  | T-3:32. A-42,159 (42,445). <b>Astros 7, Giants 3</b>   |
| DP—Texas 1. LOB—Oakland 7, Texas 11. 2B—Hatteberg (30), EYoung (23), MYoung 2 (32), Dellucci (13), Barajas (25), HR—Kotsay (15), Crosby (21), Melhuse (11), Blalock (32). S—Scutaro 2.  IP H RER RS SO                            | Kansas City 200 102 100-6<br>Chicago 000 010 033-7   | Mddux p 2 0 1 2 NFigra p 0 0 0 0 Macias ph 1 0 0 0 Snchez ph 1 0 0 0 Frnswr p 0 0 0 0 Snell p 1 0 0 0  | Majewski 2 1 0 0 0 1 0<br>HBP-by Ohka (Diaz). WP-Ohka. T-2:33.<br>A=11,142 (46,338).   | HOUSTON SAN FRANCISCO  |
| Oakland<br>Thurlson 7 7 2 2 5 2   | E-Valdez (1). DP-Kansas City 1. LOB-<br>Kansas City 8, Chicago 3. 2B-Relaford (13),<br>Buck (9). 3B-Gotay (7). HP-Stairs (17). Row-  | Marcias pri 1 0 0 0 Snell p 1 0 0 0 0 Frnswr p 0 0 0 0 0 Snell p 1 0 0 0 0 0 Merckr p 1 0 0 0 0 Tota ph 1 0 1 0 Merckr p 0 0 0 0 0 Mdows p 0 0 0 0 TWalkr ph 1 0 0 0 Brooks p 0 0 0 0 Hwkins p 0 0 0 0 0 TRidmin ph 1 0 0 0  | Phillies 9, Marlins 8  | Bigglo If         5 0 0 0 Drham 2b         5 1 2 0           CBeltrn cf         3 2 3 0 Tucker rf         5 0 0 0           Lidge p         0 0 0 0 Alfonzo 3b         4 0 0 0           Bgwell 1b         4 1 1 0 Hrmns p         0 0 0 0   |
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| Balk-Park. T-3:08. A-23,075 (49,115).   | Contreras 5½, 7 5 4 2 7 Cotts 1½, 2 1 1 0 0 0 1 Munoz 1 0 0 0 1 1 MWood pitched to 2 batters in the 8th. WP—Contreras 3. PB—BDavis. T—2:41. A—16,015 (40,615). | Chicago  | Glaville cf 1 0 0 0 JEcrcn rf 4 2 2 0<br>Lbrthal c 4 1 2 0 AGnziz ss 2 2 1 1<br>Padilla p 2 0 0 0 Beckett p 1 0 0 0  | Tveras pr 0 0 0 0 Trralba c 0 0 0 0 Gallo p 0 0 0 0 DCruz ss 4 0 2 0 DMiceli p 0 0 0 0 Rosom ss 0 0 0 0  |
| Yankees 7, Devil Rays 3 TAMPA BAY abrhbi abrhbi   | WP-Contreras 3. PB-BDavis. T-2:41.<br>A-16,015 (40,615).   | Maddux W,15-10 6 7 3 3 0 6 Farnsworth 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0  | RHrndz p 0 0 0 0 Seanez p 0 0 0 0  | Gallo p 0 0 0 0 URIZESS 4 0 2 0 DMIcell p 0 0 0 0 Reson as 0 0 0 0 C Reson as 1 0 0 0 0 Reson as 1 0 0 0 0 C Reson as 1 0 0 0 0 0 C Reson as 1 0 0 0 0 0 C Reson as 1 0 0 0 0 0 C Reson as 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 C Reson as 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 C Reson as 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 C Reson as 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  |
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| Cantu 2b 4 0 0 0 Fiherty c 4 1 1 1<br>Frdvce c 3 0 1 1 Cairo 2b 4 1 2 0   |  | Rockies 7, Diamondbacks 1  | E—DaBell (22), AGonzalez (14). DP—Phila-<br>delphia 1, Florida 2. LOB—Philadelphia 8, Flor-<br>ida 4. 2B—Lieberthal (29), Conine (32), JEncar-   | DP-Houston 1, San Francisco 2, LOB-<br>Houston 3, San Francisco 9, 2B-Snow 2 (30),<br>3B-CReitran (5), Bonds (3), DCruz (2),   |
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| Quantrill 1 0 0 0 0 1<br>WP-Nunez Webb Lieber T-2:37  | Colorado 2, Arizona 1, 10 innings, 2nd<br>game<br>N.Y. Mets 4, Montreal 2<br>Philadelphia 9, Florida 8, 10 innings<br>Cincinnati 3, Atlanta 2<br>Los Angeles 9, San Diego 6<br>Houston 7, San Francisco 3            | Totals 35 1 9 1 Totals 35 7 13 7   | Bump 1/2, 1 1 0 1 0<br>Perisho 11/3 2 0 0 0 1<br>Benitez L2-2 1 1 0 0 0 HBP-by Padilla (AGonzalez). WP-Beck-<br>ett. T=3:37. A=30,208 (36,331).  | Hermanson pitched to 4 batters in the 9th,<br>Christiansen pitched to 1 batter in the 9th,<br>HBP-By Hermanson (JKent). T-2:59.<br>A-41,537 (41,584).  |
| A-29,501 (57,478).  | Houston 7, San Francisco 3   | Colorado 300 000 04x-7   | ett. T-3:37. A-30,208 (36,331).  | A-41,537 (41,584).   |

## Thanks to Texas, change sweeps AL West

John Flaherty also homered as the Yankees moved 41/2 games

Lieber (13-8) allowed three

ahead of Boston in the AL East.

### Oakland's lead cut to two games over Rangers, Angels

The Associated Pres.

ARLINGTON, Texas - The Texas Rangers got the sweep they needed against Oakland's "Big Three" to keep alive their nostseason hones

David Dellucci hit a two-out, two-run double past diving Jermaine Dye in the ninth inning to cap a three-run rally and give Texas a 5-4 victory over the Athletics on Thursday night.

The Rangers won their fifth straight and moved into a tie with Anaheim, two games behind Oakland in the AL West with 10 games to play

Brian Jordan hustled around from first base and slid headfirst into home with the winning run. kicking off a celebration among the Rangers.

"We knew we had to" sweep, Jordan said. "It definitely does a lot for our confidence."

Texas picked up victories over Oakland aces Mark Mulder, Barry Zito and Thursday's starter Tim Hudson

Dellucci hadn't played in the first two games of the series because of a 5-for-40 slump. He was 0-for-4 Thursday before his game-winning double off Oakland closer Octavio Dotel (4-2).

"I went from frustration to elation," he said.

Before Dellucci's winner, Hank

### Roundup

Blalock hit his 32nd solo homer with one out, Michael Young dou bled for his fourth hit and Mark Teixeira was intentionany walked, his team-record fifth intentionally walk of the game. Jordan reached on a forceout.

We never predict if we will win or lose. We always play to the end of the game," Young said. That's a huge strength of this

Texas now hosts last-place Seattle for three games while the A's and Angels face off in Anaheim.

"We're still in pretty good position. I'd rather be two games up than two games back," said Hudson, who held Texas to two runs over seven innings. "We lost a tough one, it's going to happen. We've played the whole year for

Mark Kotsav and Adam Melhuse homered off Texas starter Chan Ho Park and Bobby Crosby gave the A's a 4-2 lead in the ninth with a solo shot off Jeff Nelson (1-2)

Yankees 7, Devil Rays 3: Derek Jeter hit a leadoff home run. Jon Lieber pitched into the eighth inning and the host Yan-kees clinched their 10th consecutive playoff berth.

runs and 11 hits in 71/3 innings. Todd Ritchie (0-2) took the loss Orioles 9. Red Sox 7: David Ortiz flew out to the warning

track with runners on first and second for the final out. With the homestanding Red Sox trailing 9-5 in the ninth, Manny Ramirez hit a two-run single with the bases loaded before Ortiz flew

Miguel Tejada hit a three-run homer and Todd Williams (2-0) nitched a perfect seventh.

White Sox 7, Royals 6: Joe Crede hit a game-winning three-run shot in the ninth off Jeremy Affeldt (3.4)

Crede also homered in the eighth and Aaron Rowand and Ross Gload also went deep for the host White Sox.

Damaso Marte (6-5) pitched a scoreless ninth.

Indians 9. Twins 7: Cliff Lee won for the second time since July 16 and rookie Grady Sizemore hit a two-run homer. Lee (12-8) made it through 52/3

innings, allowing five runs and eight hits. Josh Bard homered and had three RBIs and Coco Crisp drove in two runs for host Cleveland.

Brian Jordan slides across the plate with the winning run in the bottom of the ninth Thursday as Texas beat Oakland 5-4 in Arlington, Texas.

## Bat: Feats at plate might not be enough for Mariners' Martinez

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"They're not going to hold it against you. It's part of the game and should be included as such Ask anybody in Seattle whether Martinez belongs in the Hall of

Fame, and the answer is as certain as winter rainfall. Outside the Pacific Northwest, however, it's less clear-cut. "If you look purely at numbers,

he's borderline," Anaheim manager Mike Scioscia said

Martinez is a career .311 hitter with 308 homers, 2,240 hits, 1,258 RBIs and an on-base percentage of .419. With 10 games remaining this season, he was hitting .268 on the year with 11 home runs, 121 hits, 60 RBIs and a .351 on-base

Martinez's 1,000 RBIs as a DH are the highest total by anyone who played at least 1,000 games at that position. The same goes for Martinez's .315 average as a DH and his 242 homers as a DH.

He's the seventh player with at least 300 home runs, 500 doubles (514), 1,000 walks (1,282), a career batting average of at least .300 and a career on-base percentage of at least .400.

The others are Stan Musial. Rogers Hornsby, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Ted Williams and Barry Bonds. Hornsby and Martinez are the only right-handed hitters on that list.

"He was one of the most feared right-handed hitters for a long time in this league," Molitor said. "The amount of respect he has Edgar Martinez at a glance Born: Jan. 2, 1963 in New York City. Bats: Right

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from peers speaks to the value of the offensive player he was."

Martinez is well short of the magical numbers that usually guarantee a spot in Cooperstown 3.000 hits and 500 home runs.

For every rule there's an exception: Kirby Puckett was en-shrined in 2001 with a .318 career average, 2,304 hits and 207 hom-

Puckett, though, was famous for his defense, something that works against Martinez, and Puckett's career was cut short because glaucoma blinded his right

It's worth noting that Martinez played 563 games at third base and 28 at first before settling in as a full-time DH in 1992 when he won his first batting title with a .343 average

Martinez hit .356 in 1995 to win his second batting crown. That year, he had the highest average hy a right-handed AI, hatting champion since Joe DiMaggio hit

Martinez also had the biggest hit in franchise history.

His 11th-inning double in the fifth game of the 1995 AL division series touched off a frenzy at the Kingdome when Joey Cora and Ken Griffey Jr. scored lifting the Mariners to a thrilling 6-5 victory over the New York Yankees.

"A lot of people remember that double when they talk about my career," Martinez said. "I'd say, yeah, that would define my ca-

In "Out of Left Field," a book by Seattle Post-Intelligencer columnist Art Thiel, former Mariners manager Lou Piniella called it "the hit, the run, the game, the series and the season that saved baseball in Seattle."

At the time, the state Legislature was considering funding for what eventually became Safeco Field and a local ownership group was fighting to keep the team in Seattle. The excitement of the

franchise's first postseason series victory built invaluable support. How fitting that Martinez was the player who delivered the

"In my mind, he's a Hall of Famer I think he's the Tony Perez of our generation," Scioscia

said, "If you talk about a guy who consistently hit the ball hard on an at-bat by at-bat basis, Edgar is in an elite group.

"You're talking about some all-time greats you would comnare him to He's definitely the one guy you didn't want to see come up there with the game on the line," Scioscia said.

Martinez said he'll just sit back and let the Hall voters think it "There are a lot of different

opinions about it," he said. 'What I think is that the DH makes a daily contribution to the

team, just like any position player who plays every day. Martinez's meticulous prepara-

tion is the stuff of legend. He selects bats using a digital scale at his locker and begins his hitting routine under the seats three or four batters before he's due on

ed by his grandparents in Puerto Rico, Martinez credits his grandfather for his perfectionist approach. One week after each season ended, Martinez was in the weight room.

"Edgar defined the position of the DH." said Anaheim's Trov Glaus. "He was the first guy to take it on as a role, not just as a who's banged up and had to DH for a week. He's done it at a very high level, and that's not an easy thing to do."

Without question, Martinez's history of injuries contributed to his job as DH. He's had to play through some kind of affliction first full season in the majors. In recent years, Martinez bat-

tled a notorious hamstring injury and performed eve exercises to maintain sharpness in his vision. Last year, he played the final month with a broken toe in his

right foot As of midweek he hadn't played since fouling a pitch off his left foot Sept. 18. Had he ever played on a National League team, Martinez believes he could have handled first or third every

"And the way he hits, believe me, Edgar would have been playing out on the field somewhere, Seattle manager Bob Melvin said.

Martinez ranks among those rarest of modern athletes by spending his entire career with the same team. He signed in December 1982 and made his major league debut on Sept. 12, 1987 against the Chicago White Sox.

"It is important. Not many players do that any more," Martinez said. "I always felt great here. I love to play here. I've always enjoyed it immensely to play here. I always wanted to stay

Armstrong noted most fans think of Cal Ripken when they think of the Orioles. With the Padres, it's Tony Gwynn. The Red Sox had Ted Williams and Carl Yastrzemski and the Yankees had Mickey Mantle and Joe DiMag-

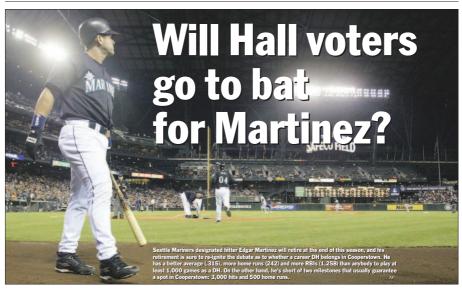
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"As the years go by, I believe when people think of the Mariners they'll think of Edgar Martin-ez." Armstrong said.

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## Beloved Mariners DH will put criteria to test

BY TIM KORTE The Associated Press

> SEATTLE dgar Martinez has been swinging his bat in Seat-

tle so long, he seems as much a city fixture as the Space Needle and Pioneer Square

Unlike the landmarks, Martinez won't be on display much longer. Retirement is looming for the 41-year-old Mariners star, regarded as one of the best right-handed hitters of his generation

"I know when I get to that final homestand, I'm going to feel very emotional about it," Martinez said. "I know I'm going to miss the competition and everything that goes with baseball."

Martinez will retire as a seven-time All-Star and two-time American League batting champion. He'll be remembered as one of the nicest guys in baseball, beloved by Seattle fans and an exceptional clubhouse presence.

"Edgar is very special person," Mariners President Chuck Armstrong said. "He's a very loval per-

His retirement also is likely to test the limits on one of baseball's most fiery debates. Martinez will be the most accomplished career designated hitter to contend for a plaque at Cooperstown.

"I think the writers have spoken in my case and they will again in the future," said Seattle hitting coach Paul Molitor, inducted into the Hall of Fame this summer after playing the final eight seasons of his career as a DH.

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